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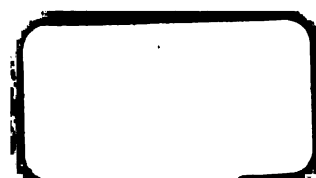
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AND  
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The County T O W N  
A N D  
HUNDRED of B U C K I N G H A M.

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C H A P I.

*Of the* COUNTY, HUNDRED, *and* TOWN *of* BUCKS.

**T**HE County of BUCKINGHAM, which receives its Denomination from the *Town* of BUCKINGHAM, is one of the least Shires in *England*; there being only Five that are reputed to be of lesser Extent.

It is, as our Authors inform us, 138 Miles in Circumference, and contains about 441,000 Acres, and 18,390 Houses.

It is, however, much more populous than many other Counties, having in it 216 Churches and Chapels, and 16 Market Towns; tho' some of them are of small Account.

The chief Rivers are the *Thames*, *Ouze*, *Colne*, and *L'ouzell*.

Its Length from North to South is about 40 computed, and 55 measured Miles; and Breadth from East to West in the utmost Stretch about 18 Miles; tho' 'tis in general so narrow that in Five computed Miles any Person may go out of it into some other of these Counties by which it is bounded, *viz. Berks, Oxford, Northampton, Bedford, Hertford, Middlesex.*

The Antient Inhabitants in the Times of the *Romans* were the *Cattieuciani*: And in the *Saxon* Age it was Part of the Kingdom of *Mercia*, and has been, ever since the Foundation thereof, Part of the Diocese of *Lincoln*, and included in the Archdeaconry of *Buckingham*, excepting Six Parishes, (two of

## OF THE COUNTY, HUNDRED,

which are Peculiars to the Sec of *Canterbury*, and Four have been subjected to the Diocese of *London* since 1541.) — The several Parishes of the County except *Monks-Risborough* and *Halton*, are comprized in the following Deanries viz. *Buckingham*, *Burnham*, *Mursley*, *Newport*, *Waddesdon*, *Wendover*, *Wycombe*.

In the Time of the Normans, in the Survey began to be made by *William* the Conqueror, Anno Regni 14, 1080. it was divided into Eighteen Hundreds; but these are now reduced and reckoned only Six, viz. *Aylesbury*, *Aspenden*, *Buckingham*, *Cottflow*, *Newport*, and the *Chiltern* Hundreds, as they are commonly called; tho' they are still known by their antient Appellations, viz. *Burnham*, *Desborough*, and *Stoke*.

But as this Account is limited to the Hundred and Deanry of *Buckingham*, I shall confine myself to treat only of that in particular.

This Hundred (now so termed and accounted) was originally before the uniting or contracting of it, about the 9th of *Edward* II, 1316, under these three several separate Divisions, viz. *Rovelai*, *Stodfield*, and *Lamua*.

The former of these Places received its Name from certain Grounds called *Rowley* Hills, in *Lenborough* Lordship, in the Parish of *Buckingham*.

The Second, as I conclude, was from *Stow*, a Parish universally known.

And the Third from an Hill near *Steeple Claydon* Church; where are the Remains of some Intrenchments.

In the first of these Hundreds, viz. *Rowley*, were comprehended these Parishes, viz.

*Barton*,  
*Beachampton*,  
*Caversfield*,

*Chetwood*,  
*Edgcott*,  
*Hilliersden*,

*Preston*,  
*Tingwick*,  
*Tbornton*.

And in *Stod* or *Stofield*

*Akeley*,  
*Bittlesden*,  
*Foxcot*,  
*Lekbampstead*,

*Lillingston*,  
*Moreton*,  
*Ratcliff*,  
*Stow*,

*Shallston*,  
*Turweston*,  
*Water-Stratford*,  
*Westbury*.

And in *Lamua*

*Addington*,  
*Marlsbe*,

*Padbury*,  
*Steeple Claydon*,

*Tbornborough*,  
*Twyford*.

*Buckingham* was surveyed distinct by itself: and *Adbock* was then included in *Wotesdon* or *Waddesdon* now *Aspendon* Hundred.

As I have given the Names of the Hamlets belonging to these Parishes and the old Manner of Spelling them in *Doomsday Book*, under each respective Parish, I have therefore here chosen to exhibit all the said Parishes as they are now called, and have ranged them in alphabetical Order, where the Churches are seated.

These Hundreds seem to have been established according to the Limits of their Jurisdiction, which, as *Sir Henry Spelman* observes, extended to an Hundred *Sureties* for the King's Peace.

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These *Sureties*, from their Number, were sometimes called *Hundredarii*, and were subject to a Superior called the *Lord of the Hundred*; who appears, not so much to have acted in his own Name, as to have been the Sheriff's Representative.

The Court which was held by this Lord of the Hundred, was, in the 18th Year of King *Henry III.* 1234, ordered to be kept once in Three Weeks, but by Statute, made in the 14th of King *Edward III.* 1340, the Jurisdiction of the Hundred Court was for the most Part united to the County Court, except in some few Cases, where the Hundred was by some special Privilege annexed to the Crown, or granted in Fee to some particular Subject in the Nature of a Franchise.

The Fee Farm Rents of these Hundreds of *Buckingham*, and of the Hundreds of *Cottislow*, *Newport*, and *Aspendon* were, as I find *Anno* 1665, 17 *Charles II.* assigned by that King to his Consort Queen *Catharine*, in Jointure or Dower, — these of *Buckingham* alone had been leased to Sir *Thomas Denton* for three Lives, by Letters Patent, dated *July* 11, 1625, by King *Charles I.* on a Rent of 28*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* This Rent remains still in the Crown, tho' it is reduced to 23*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*

In the 13th of King *Edward I.* *Anno* 1285, as Sir *Henry Chauncy* informs us, there were constituted two Constables in every Hundred to present all Defaults in Towns and Highways.

These were called *Chief Constables*, and were employed to convey the Warrants of the Magistrates to the Petty Constables of the Vills and Parishes.

The Division of this Hundred of *Buckingham*, as I find in an Old Account, was thus limited, *viz.*

To the High Constable of the upper Division there belong these Parishes, *viz.*

*Addington,*  
*Adstock,*  
*Akeley,*  
*Beachampton,*  
*Edgecot,*

*Foscot,*  
*Lekhampstead,*  
*Lillingston,*  
*Moreton,*  
*Padbury,*

*Radcliff,*  
*Stow,*  
*Tbornborough,*  
*Tbornton.*

And to the Constables of the lower these, *viz.*

*Barton,*  
*Bittleiden,*  
*Caversfield,*  
*Cbetwood,*  
*Hilliersden,*

*Marske,*  
*Preston,*  
*Sballeston,*  
*Steeple Claydon,*  
*Tingwick,*

*Turweston,*  
*Twysford,*  
*Water Stratford,*  
*Westbury,*

The Town of *Buckingham* is a District of itself and distinct Liberty, and under its own Officers.

After the Conquest of *England* by King *William I.* the Government of the Counties was for the most Part committed to Persons of great Eminence who were styled *Earls* thereof.

These *Earls*, in *Latin* called *Comites*, à *Comitatu*, were the chief Justices or Rulers under the King, and received the Third Part of the Profits of the County to themselves, as the learned *Selden* remarks; the other two Parts going to the King (except where the Earldoms were Palatinate, as *Chester* was.) These Earls, who were the King's Officers, exercised in old time great Power, in granting, releasing, imposing Liberties and Exactions, which the Crown now only hath a Right to do as inseparably annexed unto it.

But this Power (whatever it was) together with their third Part of the Profits of the County, is entirely ceased, and by Time worn away. The Sheriff being now the King's immediate Officer in the several Counties; who in former Times was only a Deputy to the Earl, as the Name *Vice-comes* or *Viscount* imports: And he was subordinate to the Earl, as the Earl was to the King.

The Names of these Earls, or *Comites*, and also of their Deputies or *Vice-comites*, I shall here exhibit; first noting, that this County went always under one and the same Sheriff in Conjunction with *Bedford*, till the 17<sup>th</sup> of *Elizabeth* 1575, when they became severed, and each County had it's separate and distinct Sheriffs appointed it, as at this Day.

## CHAP. II.

### *Of the EARLS, DUKES, and HIGH SHERIFFS of Bucks.*

#### Earls of *Buckingham*.

THE first Earl of this County that our Histories give us, is

1. WALTER GIFFARD, Son of *Osborn de Bolebec* and *Aveline* his Wife, Sister to *Gunnora* Duchess of *Normandy*, Great Grand-mother to *William I.* whom he accompanied into *England*, and for his Valour in that memorable Battle against King *Harold*, by which he gained the Crown of *England*, Anno 1066, was advanced to the Earldom of *Buckingham*. He married *Agnes*, one of the Daughters of *Gerard Flaitel*, Sister to *William* Bishop of *Eureux*, by whom he had Issue *Walter* his Son and Successor in this Earldom. He died Anno 1103, and was buried at the Entrance into the Abby Church of *Longueville* in *Normandy*; the Arms he bore were, *Gules, three Lions passant, in Pale Argent*. On his Death

2. WALTER his Son succeeded him. He was a faithful Adherer to King *Henry I.* in all Attempts that were made against him, and gave high Proofs of his Courage in the Battle at *Brenneville* against *Lewis* King of *France*, Anno 1119 wherein the *French* were defeated: And dying without Issue 1164, his Lands were shared among his Relations. The Principal of which was *Richard de Clare* surnamed *Strongbow*, Earl of *Hereford*, who had assigned to him the greatest Part of his Lands in *England*; in Right of *Isabel* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Rishard* Earl of *Strigul*; and according to Mr. *Vincent*, this

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3. RICHARD DE CLARE took the Title upon him of Earl of *Buckingham*. He bore for his Arms *Or 3 Chevrans Gules, a Label of 5 Points Azure*.

4. THOMAS of WOODSTOCK, Sixth Son of *Edward III*, was created Earl of *Buckingham* at the Solemnity of King *Richard II* Coronation. He married *Alianore*, one of the Daughters and Heirs to *Humphry de Bobun*, Earl of *Hereford* and *Essex*. He was murdered at *Calais*, on *Saturday* after the Feast of *St. Bartholomew* the Apostle, 21st *Richard II*, 1398, leaving *Humphry* his Son and Successor 16 Years old — He bore for his Arms, *within a Bordure Argent France and England Quarterly*.

5. HUMPHRY PLANTAGENET succeeded on his Father *Thomas* of *Woodstock's* Death, in this Earldom. He died three Years after his Father without Issue. He bore the same Arms as his Father did.

6. HUMPHRY STAFFORD Earl of *Stafford*, who married *Anne* Daughter to *Ralph Neville* the first Earl of *Westmoreland*, was, on 14<sup>th</sup> *September* 1445, 23 *Henry VI*, created Duke of *Buckingham*, to hold to himself and the Heirs of his Body, with a special Grant unto himself and his Heirs, with Precedence of all Dukes whatsoever, whether in *England* or *France*, excepting those of the Blood Royal. Being thus ennobled, great Animosities broke out between him and *Henry Beauchamp*, Duke of *Warwick*, to whom the King had given Precedence, notwithstanding this Grant; for appealing of which there was a special Act made in Parliament, viz. That they should have Precedence by Turns, the one one Year, and the other the next, and in that Manner take Place alternately during their Lives, and the Survivor to have Place of the other's Heir; but afterwards such of the Heirs of each, who should first happen to have Livery of his Lands, to have Precedence of the other. But the Duke of *Warwick* dying about two Years after without Issue, this *Humphry* Duke of *Buckingham* obtained a Second Grant, dated 22 *May*, 25 *Henry VI*, 1447, unto himself and his Heirs, for Place and Rank above all Dukes whatsoever, whether in *England* or *France*, excepting only those of the Blood Royal. He was slain in the Battle of *Northampton* valiantly fighting there on King *Henry's* Part, 2<sup>d</sup> *July*, Anno 1460, 38<sup>th</sup> *Henry VI*. — As to the Place of his Burial 'tis left doubtful; but *Leland* affirms it was the Monastery of *Dela-pré* near *Northampton*.

He bore for his Arms *Quarterly*, viz. In the first Quarter his Mother's Arms, which were, *Within a Bordure France and England quartered*; in the Second, *Stafford*, Or, a *Chevron Gules*; Third as Second, Fourth as First. His Successor was his Grandson and Heir, viz.

7. HENRY STAFFORD. He stood up vigorously for King *Richard III*. and being one of his Chief Confidants was sent to the *Queen* (who fearing the Destruction of her Sons by *Richard* Duke of *Gloucester* their Uncle, had taken Sanctuary with them at *Westminster*) in order, by fair Pretenses and Promises to gain them out of her Hands; and being his principal Agent in advancing the said King *Richard* to the Throne, he had, in Consideration of his great Services, a Bill signed by the King, for Livery of all those Lands whereunto he pretended a Right by Descent from *Humphry de Bobun* Earl of *Hereford*, amounting.

amounting to 1084*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* *per Annum*; but at length, confederating against King *Richard* to set *Henry* Earl of *Richmond* on the Throne and to unite the divided Houses of *York* and *Lancaster* by Marriage of that Earl with the eldest Daughter of King *Edward IV.*, his Machinations were discovered, and for the sake of a Reward of 1000*l.* he was betrayed by his Servant, *Humphry Bannister*, to whose House he had privately betaken himself to avoid Discovery, and beheaded at *Salisbury* on *All-Saints Day* 1483, 1st *Richard III.*, without Arraignment or Judgment. He married *Catherine* Daughter of *Richard Woodville* Earl *Rivers*, and had Issue,

8. EDWARD STAFFORD his Son, who became restored to all the Honours and Possessions of his Father, by the Favour of King *Henry VII.* He founded *Buckingham College* in *Cambridge*, but was, through the base Practices of *Cardinal Wolsey*, who envied his Grandeur, arraigned and found guilty of High Treason, and Beheaded on *Tower Hill* 17th *May* 1521, 13th *Henry VIII.* and buried at the *Augustine* Friars near *Broad Street, London.*

After his Death the Title continued vacant 'till

9. GEORGE VILLERS Viscount *Villers* (whose Grandmother was *Colleta* Daughter and Heiress of *Richard Clerk* of the Town of *Buckingham* Esq; as we are informed in the *Baronettage of England*, Vol. III. p. 237. was created Earl of *Buckingham* 5 *January*, Anno 1616, 14th *Jac. I.* and the next Year Marquess of *Buckingham*, 1 *Jan.* 1617, 15 *Jac. I.* and at length, by Letters Patent dated 18 *May*, 21 *Jac. I.* Duke of *Buckingham*. He married *Catherine* Daughter and sole Heiress of *Francis Mannours* Earl of *Rutland*. He was slain by *John Felton*, a Lieutenant in Sir *James Ramsay's* Regiment of Foot, 23 *August* 1628, at *Portsmouth*, and was succeeded by his then Eldest Son,

10. GEORGE VILLERS; this *George* Duke of *Buckingham* married *Mary*, sole Daughter and Heiress of *Thomas Lord Fairfax* of *Cameron* in *Scotland*, and dying without Issue, 16 *April*, 1687, this Title became extinct, and continued vacant, 15 Years; when

11. JOHN SHEFFIELD Earl of *Mulgrave*, was created Duke of *Bucks* and *Normanby*, 23 *March* 1702, who, the better to dignify his Title, purchased an Estate in *Buckingham* Parish. He died 24th *February* 1720-1, aged 75, and was buried in *Westminster Abby*, as the two last Dukes of the Name of *Villers* had been. He was succeeded in all his Titles, by

12. EDMUND SHEFFIELD his Son, by the Lady *Catherine Darnly*, Widow of *James* Earl of *Anglesey* whom he married Anno 1705, and he is the present Duke, Anno 1735.

Having thus gone through the Account of the Earls and Dukes of *Buckingham*, I come to the Lists of Sheriffs or Deputies to the Earls or Comites of *Buckingham*.

# A List of the Names of the VISCOUNTS or HIGH SHERIFFS of the Counties of Bucks and Bedfordshire.

*A. 1135, 1 Stephen.*

5. *Aubry de Vere.* Seat, *Castle Henningham* in *Essex*, *Bolebec Castle* in *Whitchurch*, Co. *Bucks.* Arms, *Quarterly Gules and Or, in the first a Mullet Argent.* And, *Richard Basset*, Justice of *England.* Seat, *Drayton Basset* in Co. *Staff.* and *Weldon*, Co. *Northampton.* Arms, *Barry Nebuly of Six, Argent and Gules.*

*A. 1154, 1 Hen. II.*

1. *Aubry de Vere.* Seat, and Arms, As before. And, *Richard Basset*, Justice of *England.* Seat, and Arms, as before.
2. *Henry de Essex*, Baron of *Raleigh.* Seat, *Raleigh* in *Essex*, and *Saltwood Castle* in *Kent.* Arms, *Argent, an Orle Gules.* *Eodem anno*, as in *Madox's Exch.* p. 685. *John de Bidun.*
6. *Geffry Fitz Ralph.* Arms, *Two Barrs.*
7. *Richard Fitz Osbert* for 3 Years.
10. The same, and *Hugh de la Lege* for 6 Years.
16. *David* Archdeacon of *Bucks.*
20. *Will. Fitz Richard* for 6 Years.
26. *Will. Rufus* for 7 Years.
33. The same for the first half of the Year, and *Oger Fitz Oger* for the last.
34. *Oger Fitz Oger.*

*Anno 1189, 1 Ric. I.*

- Oger Fitz Oger.*
2. *Will. Rufus* for 4 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

6. *Simon de Beauchamp.* Seat, *Bedford Castle.* Arms, *Quarterly Or and Gules, over all a Bendlet of the second.*
10. *Will. de Albini*, Baron of *Belvoir.* Seats, *Belvoir Castle* in *Leicestershire*, and *Uffington Co. Lincoln.* Arms, *Or two Chevronells within a Bordure Gules.*

*Anno 1199, 1 John.*

1. The same.
2. *Geffry Fitz Piers*, Earl of *Essex.* Seats, *Walden Castle* in *Essex*, and *Ludgershall Castle* Co. *Wilts.* Arms, *Quarterly Or and Gules, a Bordure Vaire.*
7. *Rob. de Braybroke.*
13. The same.
15. *Hugh Lo. Gournay*, Baron of *Whorlton*, Co. *Ebor.* Arms, *Paly of Six Or and Az.*
16. *Hen. de Braybroke*, Chiv. for 2 Years.

*Anno 1216, 1 Hen. III.*

2. *Fulk de Brent* Baron of *Eye* in *Suffolk*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Bedford Castle.* Arms, *Gules, a Wyverne his Tail nowed Argent.*
4. The same Baron for 4 Years.
8. *Walter de Pateshall* for 5 Years. Seats, *Bletsoe Co. Bedford*, and *Pateshall* in *Com. Northampton.* Arms, *Argent, a Fess Sable between three Crescents Gules.*
13. *Stephen de Segrave* Chiv. Ch. Justice of the Common Pleas. Seats, *Segrave Castle* in Co. *Leicest.* and *Alconbury Co. Huntingdon.*



- ton. Arms, *Gules, a Lion rampant Argent crown'd Or.*
14. The same for 3 Years.
17. The same.
18. The same.
19. *Ralph Fitz Reginald.*
20. *William Lo. Beauchamp*, Baron of *Bedford*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
21. *Reginald de Whitchurch*. Seat, *Whitchurch*, in *Com. Bucks*. Arms, *Argent frette Gu.*
22. *Rob. de Hage*. Arms, *Q. if not Argent, 3 Escotcheons Gules.*
23. The same for the first Quarter; and  
*John de Grey*, Chiv. for the 3 last. Seat, *Waterball* in *Bletchley*, *Co. Bucks*. Arms, *Barry of 6, Arg. and Az. in Chief 3 Torteauxes. A Label of 5 Points of the Field.*
24. *Paulin de Peyvre*, Chivaler for 2 Years. Seats, *Todington* in *Co. Bedford*, and *Cbilton* in *Com. Bucks*.
26. *John Grimbaud*.
27. *Will. de Holwell*, for 6 Years. *Holwell*, in *Co. Bedford*.
33. *Alex. de Hamden*, for 4 Years. Seat, *Great Hamden* in *Com. Bucks*. Arms, *Argent, a Saltire Gules between 4 display'd Eagles, Az.*
- 37.
38. *Simon de Crendon*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Long Crendon Co. Bucks*.
40. *Rob. le Savage*.
41. *Rob. de Tottenball*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Tottenball Co. Bedf. q.*
43. *Alex. de Hamden*, for 4 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.
47. The same; and  
*Sim. de Patesbull*. Seat, and Arms as before.
48. *Simon de Patesbull*, for 4 Years.
52. *Edward Earl of Chester*, eldest Son of *K. Henry III*, for 2 Years. Arms, *The Arms of England, with a Label of 3 Points.*
54. The same Prince, for 3 Years. He succeeded in the 3 Years his Father in the Kingdom.
- A. 1272, 1 *Edw. I.*
1. *Tbo. de Bray*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Eaton Byng Co. Bedf. q.*
3. *Hugh de Stapleford*, for 4 Years. Seat, *Stapleford, Co. Notting.* Arms, *Argent, on 2 Barrs Az. 3 Cinqfoils Or.*
7. *John de Cheney*, for 3 Years. Seat, *Cbeynes, Co. Bucks*. Arms, *Cbecque Or and Az. a Fefs Gules frettee Ermin.*
10. The same.
11. *Ralph de Golding*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Goldington*, in *Com. Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, 2 Lyoncells passant, Azure.*
13. *Rob. Malet*. Seat, *Langley* in *Wyardsbury, Co. Bucks*.
14. *William de Boyvile*, for 2 Years. Arms, *Gules, a Fefs Or, between 3 Saltires Humette Arg.*
16. *William de Turvile*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Weston Turvile Co. Bucks*. Arms, *Gules, a Chevron vayre between 3 Mulletts pierced Argent.*
18. *John de Pabenbam*. Seat, *Pabenbam* and *Fletemarfston*, in *Com. Bedford*. Arms, *Barry of six, Argent and Azure; over all, on a Bend Gules, 3 Mulletts Or pierced of the second.*
19. *William de Turvile*, for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

21. *Nicolas de Trimenell*, for 4 Years. Arms, Or, a Cross engrail'd Gules, debruised with a Bendlet Azure.
25. *Simon de Bradenham*. Seat, Bradenham, in Com. Bucks.
26. *Walter de Moleworth*. Seat, in Co. Bedford. Arms, Gules, an Inescutcheon vayree within 8 Cross Crosets in Orle Or.
34. *Walter de Moleworth*, Chivaler, for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

A. 1307, 1 Edw. II.

1. *Gilbert de Holme*, and *Walter de Moleworth*, Chivaler. Seat, and Arms, as before.
3. *William Mere*, for 3 Years.
6. *Walter de Moleworth*, Chivaler. Seat, and Arms, as before. And, *John de Pabenham*, Chivaler, for 3 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.
9. *John de la Hay*, Chivaler, for 2 Years. Seat, Shalfon in Com. Bucks. Arms, Barry Nebulee of 6 Argent and Az. on a Chief of the second 3 human Eyes Gul.
11. The same; and *Roger de Tiringham*. Seat, Tiringham in Com. Bucks. Arms, Az. a Saltire engrail'd Argent.
12. *Philip de Alesbury*, Chivaler. Seat, Milton Keynes, in Com. Bucks. Azure, a Cross Argent. And *Richard de Cave*. Arms, Azure frette, a Saltire vayre inter 12 Mulletts Or. q.
13. *Richard de Cave*, for the first half Year. Seat, as before. And *Ingelram de Berenger*, Chivaler, for the last half Year. Arms, Or, a Cross vert; over all on a Bend

Gules 3 Fleur de Lys's of the Field.

14. *Ingelram de Berenger*, Chivaler, for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.
16. The same, for the first half Year. Seat, and Arms, as before. *Roger de Tiringham*, for the last. Seat, and Arms, as before.
17. *Roger de Tiringham*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
18. The same, for the first half Year. Seat, and Arms, as before. *John de la Hay*, for the first half Year. Seat, and Arms, as before. And, *Philip de Aylesbury*, Chivaler, for the last. Seat, and Arms, as before.

Anno 1327, 1 Edw. III.

1. *Philip de Aylesbury*, Chivaler, for 6 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.
8. *Radph de Wedon*. Seat, Wedon. Arms, Argent, 2 Barrs Gules: in Chief 3 Martlets proper.
9. The same, for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.
11. The same.
12. *Nicholas de Passelew*, for 2 Years. Seat, Drayton Passelew. Arms, Ermine, on a Fess Azure 3 Cross Crosets.
14. The same.
15. The same; and *Gerard de Braybroke*. Seats, Colmefworth, in Com. Bedford; and *Horsington*, in Co. Bucks. Arms, Fustilee Argent and Gules: a Bordeur of the second.
16. The same; and *Henry de Chalfont*. Seat, Chalfont in Com. Bucks.

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17. *Henry de Chalfont*. Seat, as before. And

*John Aygnell*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Penley*, in Co. *Hertford*. Arms, *Argent*, 2 *Chevrons Or* : in a *Canton an Holy Lamb displaying a Banner*.

19. *Thomas de Swynford*, for 2 Years. Seat, in Com. *Bedford*. Arms, *Paly of Six Argent and Sable*.

21. *William Croyser*, for 2 Years. Seat, in Com. *Bedford*. Arms, *Sable*, *A Cross between 4 Bees Or*.

23. *Thomas Fermbrand*, Chivaler, for 2 Years. Seat, in Co. *Bedford*.

25. *John Chastillon*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Thornton*, in Co. *Bucks*. Arms, *Semie de Croflets, a Lion passant gardant*.

27. *Gerard de Braybroke*, Chivaler, for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

29. *Peter de Salford*, for 2 Years. Seat, *Salford*, in Com. *Bedford*.

31. *John de Hampden*. Seat, and Arms, as before. And *Hugh Chastillon*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

32. *John de Hampden*, for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

34. *Peter de Salford*.

35. *John de Hampden*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

36. *Peter de Salford*, for 4 Years.

40. *John de Aylebury*, Chivaler, for 6 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

46. *John Cheyney*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

47. *John Ragon*. Seat, Co. *Bedford*.

48. *John de Aylebury*, Chivaler. Seat, and Arms, as before.

49. *John de Arderne*. Seat, in Com. *Bucks*. Arms, *Ermine*, *a Fefs Checquee Or and Azure*.

50. *John de Broughton*. Seat, *Broughton*, in Co. *Bucks*. Arms, *Argent*, *a Chevron between 3 Mulletts of six Points Gules*.

51. *John de Olney*. Seat, *Weston Underwood*, in Co. *Bucks*. Arms, *Argent*, *on a Fefs embattel'd between six Cross Croflets fitchée Gules*, *three Crescents Or*.

Anno 1377, 1 Ric. II.

1. *John Aylebury*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

2. *Thomas Peyver*. Seat, *Todington*, in Co. *Bedford*. Arms, *On a Chevron 3 Fleur de Lys's*.

3. *Giles d'Aubeney*, Knt. Arms, *Quarterly*, *Or and Gules*, *over all a Bend vair*.

5. *John de Aylebury*, Kt. for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.

7. *John Wodeville*. Seat, *Grafton R.* in Co. *Northampton*. Arms, *A Fefs and Canton Gules*.

8. *Robert Dixwell*. Seat, *Tingrey*, in Co. *Bedford*. Arms, *Argent*, *a Chevron Gules between three Fleur de Lys's Sable*.

9. *Thomas Covell*. Seat, in Co. *Bucks*. Arms, *Or*, *a Fefs Gules*.

10. *John Aylebury*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

11. *Ralph Fitz Richard*. Seat, in Co. *Bedford*. Arms, — *Six Eagles display'd*, — *and a Canton*.

12. *Thomas Peyver*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

13. *Thomas Sackville*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

14. *Edmund Hampden*, Esq; Seat, and Arms, as before.

15. *William*

15. *William Tiringham*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

16. *Thomas Peyver*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

17. *Philip Wakwyn*. Seat, Co. Bedford. Arms, Gules, a Bend Ermine.

18. *John Longueville*. Seat, *Wolverton*, Co. Bucks, and *Little Billing*, Co. Northamp. Arms, Gules, a Fess dancettee between 6 Crosslets fitchee Arg.

19. *Edmund Hampden*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

20. *Reynold Ragon*.

21. *John Worship*, for 2 years. Seat, *Hardwick*, Co. Bucks, Arms, Argent, on a Bend Az. 3 Cocks Heads erased Gules.

A. 1399, 1 Hen. IV.

1. *Thomas Efton*.

2. *Edmund Hampden*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

3. *Roger Beauchamp*, Knt. Seat, *Eaton Soken*, in Co. Bedford.

4. *Reginald Ragon*.

5. *John Bois*, Esq. *Chefbam-Bois*, in Com. Bucks. Arms, Argent, a Chevron between 3 Acorns flipp'd Gules.

7. *Edmund Hampden*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

8. *Thomas Peyver*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

9. *Richard Hay*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

10. *Baldwin Pigot*, Kt. Seat, *Stratton* and *Bigleswade*, in Com. Bedford. Arms, Sable, 3 Pickaxes Argent.

11. *Thomas Strickland*, Seat, *The Hoo*, in Com. Bedf. Arms, Sable, 3 Escallops Argent.

12. *Richard Wyatt*, Esq.

13. *Sir Baldwin Pyget*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

A. 1412, 1 Hen. V.

1. *Thomas Aylesbury*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

2. *Thomas Strickland*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

3. *Edmund Hampden*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

4. *Thomas Wanton*. Seat, *Great Stoughton*, Co. Hunt. Arms, Argent, a Chevron Sable: in Chief an Annulet of the second.

5. *Richard Wyat*, Esq.

6. *John Gifford*, Esq. Seat, *Whaddon*, Co. Bucks. Arms, Gules, 3 Lioncells passant in pale Argent, crin'd and langu'd Az.

7. *William Massy*, Esq.

8. *Walter Fitz-Richard*, Esq. Seat, as before.

9. *John Radwell*, Esq.

A. 1422, 1 Hen. VI.

1. *Thomas Wanton*, Kt. Seat, as before.

2. *John Cheyne*, Kt. Seat, as before.

3. *Richard Wyat*, Esq.

4. *John Cheyne*, Kt. Seat, as before.

5. *William Massy*,

6. *Humpbrey Stafford*, Esq. Seat, *Milton Keynes*, and other Places in divers other Counties. Arms, Or, a Chevron Gules; a Canton Ermine.

7. *Thomas Wanton*, Kt. Seat, as before.

8. *Thomas Hoo*, Esq. after Kt. of the Garter. Seat, *Luton Hoo*, Co. Bedford. Arms, Quarterly, Sable and Argent.

9. *John Cheyne*. Seat, as before.

10. *Giles Daubeney*. Seat, as before.

11. *Thomas Wanton*, Kt. Seat, as before.
  12. *Thomas Grove*, Esq. Seat, *Grove*. Arms, *Argent, a Bend engrailed Azure*.
  13. *John Hampden*, Esq. Seat, as before.
  14. *John Broughton*, Esq. Seat, as before.
  15. *Robert Manfield*, Esq. Seat, *Taplow*, in *Com. Bucks*. Arms, *Sable, 3 Dexter Hands erect ed coupee proper*.
  16. *Humphry Stafford*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  17. *John Hampden*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  18. *Walter Strickland*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  19. *John Brecknock*, Esq. Seat, *Hardwick*, in *Com. Bucks*. Arms, *Argent, a Chevron between 3 Lions fimbriated sable*.
  20. *Edmund Hampden*. Seat, *Dunton*, *Co. Bucks*. Arms, as before.
  21. *Edmund Rede*, Esq. Seat, *Borlough* *Co. Bucks*.
  22. *Thomas Singleton*, Esq. Seat, *Hartwell*, *Co. Bucks*. Arms, *2 Chevrons between 3 Mulletts*.
  23. *John Wenlock*, Esq. afterwards Kt. of the Garter, and Lord *Wenlock*. Seat, *Somerley* in *Luton Hoo*, in *Com. Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, a Chevron Azure between 3 Negro's Heads Couped proper*.
  24. *Thomas Rokes*, Esq. Seat, *Fawley*, *Co. Bucks*. Arms, *Argent, a Fess Fleury and Counter-Fleury Gu. between 3 Rooks proper*.
  25. *Thomas Gifford*, Esq. Seat, *Twyford*, *Co. Bucks*. Arms, as before.
  26. *George Longueville*, Kt. for 2 Years. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  28. *William Gedney*. Arms, *Argent, 2 Lucys, (or Pykes) in Saltire Az.*
  29. *John Hampden*. Seat, *Great Hampden*, in *Co. Bucks*. Arms, as before.
  30. *Robert Whitingham*. Seat, *Salden*, in *Co. Bucks*, and *Penley*, in *Co. Hertford*. Arms, *Per fess Argent and Or; a Lion rampant Gules*.
  31. *Robert Olney*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  32. *Edmund Rede*, Esq. Seat, as before; and *John Pulter*, Esq. Seat, *Hitchin*, *Co. Hertford*. Arms, *Argent, 2 Bendlets Sable; in Chief a Cornish Chough proper*.
  33. *Thomas Singleton*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  34. *Thomas Charleton*, Kt. Arms, *Or, a Lion rampant Gules*.
  35. *John Hampden*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
  36. *John Maningham*. Seat, in *Co. Bedford*. Arms, *Sable, a Fess Ermine in Chief, 3 Grifcons Heads erased, Or*.
  37. *John Heton*, Esq. Seat, *Bucks*.
  38. *John Broughton*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
- A. 1460. 1 Edw. IV.
1. *Edmund Rede*, Esq. Seat, as before.
  2. *Thomas Reynes*, Esq. for 2 Years. Seat, *Clifton Reynes*, in *Com. Bucks*. Arms, *Chequy Gules and Or, a Canton Ermine*.
4. *Peter*

4. *Peter House*, Esq. Arms, *Vaire*, on a Chief or, 3 Lioncells rampant Sable.
5. *John Broughton*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
6. *John Boteler*, Kt. Seat, *Edgeborough*, Com. Bucks. Arms, Gules, a Fess compone Argent and Sable between 6 Cross Croflets of the second.
7. *Thomas Hampden*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
8. *John Forster*, Esq. Seat, *Hanslope*, Co. Bucks. Arms, A Bend Vert between 3 Bugle Horns Sable.
9. *William Lucy*. Seat, *Haversham*, in Com. Bucks. Arms, Gules, Crusule of Cross Croflets, and 3 Lucys bauriant proper.
10. *Robert Booth*, Esq. Arms, Argent, 3 Boars Heads erased and crested Sable, tusked or.
11. *Reginald Grey*. Seat, *Wrest*, in Co. Bedford. Arms, Barry of 6 Argent and Azure, in Chief 3 Torteauxes.
12. *John Langston*, Esq. Seat, *Caversfield*, in Co. Bucks. Arms, Or, a Chevron Gules between 2 Roses Seeded and Barbed proper, in Chief, and a Dolphin bauriant in base Azure.
13. *Sir John Boteler*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
14. *Richard Bulstrode*, Esq. Seat, *Hedgerley Bulstrode*, in Com. Bucks. Arms, Sable, a Bucks Head cabossed Argent, attired Or, pierced through the Nose with an arrow feathered of the third: between his Attire a Cross pateee fitchee of the last.
15. *Hugh Brudenel*. Seat, *Chalfont* St. Peter, Co. Bucks. Arms, Argent, a Chevron Gules between 3 Morions Azure.
16. *Edward Molineux*. Seat, *Drayton Beauchamp*, Co. Bucks. Arms, Azure, a Cross Moline pierced Or.
17. *John Rotheram*, Esq. Seat, *Luton*, Co. Bedford. Arms, Vert, 3 Bucks Trippant Argent, attired Or.
18. *Thomas Rokes*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
19. *Thomas Fowler*, Esq. Seat, *Buckingham*. Arms, Ermine in a Canton Gules an Owl Argent.
20. *Richard Enderby*, Esq. Seat, *Stratton*, Co. Bedford. Arms, Argent, 3 Bars dauncette Sable; in Chief a Pale Ermine.
21. *Sir John Verney*, Kt. Seat, *Middle Claydon*, in Com. Bucks. Arms, Azure, on a Cross Argent 5 Mulletts Gules.
22. *Thomas Hampden*. Seat, and Arms, as before.

1483, 1 Edw. V. and 1 Rich. III.

1. *Drugo Brudenel*, Esq. Seat, *Chalfont St. Peter's*, Co. Bucks. Arms, as before.
2. *Thomas Fowler*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
3. *Sir John Donne*, Kt. Seat, *Horsingdon*, in Com. Bucks.

A. 1485, 1 Hen. VII.

1. *George Ingleton*. Seat, *Thornton*, Co. Bucks. Arms, a Cross between 4 Escallops.
2. *Thomas Rokes*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
3. *Thomas Fowler*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

4. *John*

4. *John Rotberham*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
5. *Richard Godfrey*, Esq. Seat, *Bedford*. Arms, *Sable, a Chevron between 3 Pelicans Heads erased Or, q.*
6. *John Langston*, sen. Seat, and Arms, as before.
7. *Richard Prestwold*. Seat, *Hedfor*, Co. *Bucks*. Arms, *Argent, 3 Bendlets Sable*.
8. *Edmund Cockayne*, Esq. Seat, *Cockayne Hatley*, Com. *Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, 3 Cocks Gu. arm'd and jallop'd Sable*.
9. *Richard Godfrey*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
10. *William Rede*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
11. *Thomas Dayrel*, Esq. Seat, *Lillingston Dayrell*, Com. *Bucks*. Arms, *Az. a Lion rampant Or, crowned Argent, arm'd and langu'd Gules*.
12. *Thomas Langston* sen. Seat, and Arms, as before.
13. *John Gyfford*, Esq. Seat, *Twyford*, in Com. *Bucks*. Arms, *Gules, 3 Lions passant in pale Argent*.
14. *David Phillips*, Esq. Seat, *Cbeynes*, in Com. *Bucks*.
15. *Richard Restwold*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
16. *Hugh Conway*, Kt. Seat, *Waddeston*, in Com. *Bucks*. Arms, *Sable, on a Bend between 2 Cotizes Argent, a Rose Gules between 2 Annulets of the field*.
17. Sir *John St. John*, Kt. of the Bath. Seat, *Bletsoe*, in Com. *Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, on a Chief Gules 2 Mulletts pierced Or*.
18. *Richard Blount*, Esq. Arms, *Gules, on a Chevron 3 Barrs Gemelles Sable*.
19. *Edmund Bulstrode*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
20. *Thomas Dayrell*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
21. *John Cbeyncey*, Esq. Seat, *Cbesham Bois*. Arms, as before.
22. *William Gascoyne*, Esq. Seat, *Cardington*, Co. *Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, on a pale Sable a Lucys Head coup'd at the middle of the Neck Or*.
23. Sir *John Longueville*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
24. *George Hervey*, Esq. Seat, *Thurleigh*, in Com. *Bedford*. Arms, *Gules, on a Bend Argent 3 Trefoyls slipp'd proper*.

## A. 1509, 1 Hen. VIII.

1. *John Mordaunt*, Esq. Seat, *Turvey*, Co. *Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, a Chevron between 3 Es-toils of 12 Points Sable*.
2. *John Dyve*, Esq. Seat, *Brombam*, Co. *Bedford*. Arms, *Gules, a Fefs dauncette Or between 3 Escallops Ermine*.
3. *Ralph Verney*, Esq. Seat, as before.
4. *Thomas Dynham*, Esq. Seat, *Etborpe*. Arms, *Gules, 3 Fufills in Fefs Ermine*.
5. *William Gascoyne*, Esq. Seat, as before.
6. *Edward Bray*, Kt. Seat, *Eaton Bray*, Co. *Bedford*. Arms, *Argent, a Chevron between 3 Eagles Legs erased a la cuisse Sab*.
7. Sir *John St. John*, Kt. of the Bath. Seat, and Arms, as before.
8. Sir *George Hervey*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

9. *William*

9. *William Gastoyne*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
10. *Michael Fisher*. Seat, *Clifton*, Co. Bedford.
11. *Sir William Rade*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
12. *John Cbeyney*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
13. *Sir Robert Lee*, Kt. Seat, *Quarendon*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Argent, a Fess between 3 Crescents Sable*.
14. *Robert Dormer*, Esq. Seat, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Az. 10 Bilets or; 4, 3, 2, and 1: on a Chief of the second a demy Lion rampant Sable, arm'd and langu'd Gules*.
15. *Thomas Langston*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
16. *Sir Ralph Verney*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
17. *Thomas Rotheram*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
18. *Sir Edward Greville*, Kt. Arms, *Sable, within a Bordure a Cross engrailed or, thereon 5 Pellets*.
19. *Francis Pygat*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
20. *Sir John Hampden*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
21. *Sir John St. John*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
22. *Sir Michael Fysber*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
23. *Robert Dormer*, Kt. Arms, as before.
24. *Sir Edward Dunne*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
25. *Sir Robert Lee*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
26. *Sir John St. John*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
27. *Robert Corbet*, Esq. Seat, *Linch-*
- lade*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Or, a Raven proper*.
28. *Thomas Longueville*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
29. *Sir William Windsor*, Kt. of the Bath. Seat, *Bradenham*, Co. Bucks. Arms *Gules, a Saltire Argent between 12 Cross Croislets Or*.
30. *Sir Robert Dormer*, Kt. Seat, *Afcot*, Co. Bucks. Arms, as before.
31. *Sir Thomas Rotheram*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
32. *Sir Ralph Verney*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
33. *Sir John Gostwick*, Kt. for 2 Years. Seat, *Willington*, Co. Bedford. Arms, *Argent, a Bend Gules between 6 Cornish Choughs proper, member'd and beak'd of the second; on a Chief Or 3 Nags Heads couped and bridled Az.*
35. *Thomas Gifford*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
36. *Sir Michael Fysber*. Seat, and Arms, as before.
37. *Lewis Dyve*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
38. *Sir Robert Drury*, Kt. Seat, *Hedgerley*, Com. Bucks. Arms, *Argent, on a Chief Vert a Roman T between 2 Mulletts, Or*.

A. 1546, 1 Edw. VI.

1. *Sir Francis Russel*, Kt. of the Bath. Seat, *Cbeney*s, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Argent, a Lion rampant Gules; on a Chief Sable 3 Escallops of the first*.
2. *Francis Pygot*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
3. *Sir John St. John*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
4. *Sir Thomas Rotheram*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

5. *Oliver*



5. *Oliver St. John*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
6. *Thomas Pygot*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

*A. 1553, 1 Philip and Mary.*

1. *Sir William Dormer*, Kt. of the Bath. Seat, *Wing Park*, Com. Bucks. Arms, as before.
2. *Arthur Longueville*, Esq. Arms, as before.
3. *Sir Robert Drury*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
4. *Sir Robert Peckham*, Kt. Seat, *Bitlesden*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Sable, a Chevron Or between 3 Cross Croislets fitchee Argent.*
5. *Thomas Pygot*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
6. *Sir Humphry Ratcliff*, Kt. Seat, *Elstow Nunnery*, Co. Bedford. Arms, *Argent, a Bend engrailed Sable.*

*A. 1558, 1 Elizabeth.*

1. *William Hawtrey*, Esq. Seat, *Chequers* in *Ellisborough*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Argent, 3 Lioncells passant guardant in Bend between 3 Cotizes Sable.*
2. *Thomas Tyringham*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
3. *Sir Robert Drury*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
4. *John Goodwyn*, Esq. Seat, *Winchington*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Pale Or and Gules, a Lion rampant between 3 fleur de lys counterchanged.*
5. *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
6. *Thomas Fleetwode*, Esq. Seat, *The Vache*, Com. Bucks. Arms, *Pale Nebulee Az and Or, 6 Martlets counterchanged.*

7. *Sir Henry Cheney*, Kt. Seat, *Todington*, Co. Bedf. Arms, *Quarterly, 1 and 4 Ermine, on a Bend Sable 3 Martlets Or*

8. *John Cheney*, Esq. Seat, *Chebbam Bois*. Arms, as before.

9. *John Borlace*, Esq. Seat, *Boscombe* in *Marlow*. Arms, *Ermine, on a Bend Sable 2 Cubit Arms Couped, issuing from a Cloud proper, rending a Horse Shoe Argent.*

10. *Sir William Dormer*, Kt. of the Bath. Seat, and Arms, as before.

11. *Sir Edmund Ashfield*, Kt. Seat, *Tottenhoe*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Three Mulletts a Cinque Foyle in Fefs point.*

12. *Sir Lewis Mordant*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

13. *Thomas Pygot*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

14. *Lewis Dyve*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.

15. *Sir George Peckham*, Kt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

16. *Ralph Aftry*, Esq. Seat, *Wood-End* in *Harlington*, Com. Bedf. Arms, *Barry wavy of 6 Argent and Azure; on a Chief Gules 3 Bezants.*

*A. 1575, 17 Eliz.*

In which Year the Two Counties became separated, and each County had its distinct Sheriff appointed it, as at this Day.

17. *John Croke*, Esq. Seat, *Cbilton*, Co. Bucks. Arms, *Gules, a Fefs between 6 Martlets Argent.*

18. *Griffith Hampden*, Esq. Seat, *Great Hampden*. Arms, as before.

19. *Michael Blount*, Esq. Seat, *Maple Durham*,

- Durham*, in Com. *Oxon.* Arms, Nebule of 8 Or and Sable.
20. *Robert Drury*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
21. *Richard Crawford*, Esq. Arms, Or, on a Chevron Sable, 3 Hawks Heads erased Argent.
22. *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. Seat, *Lillingston Dayrell*. Arms, as before.
23. *Thomas Tasburgh*, Esq. Seat, *Hawridge*. Arms, A Cross Pomee.
24. *Edmund Verney*, Esq. Seat, *Middle Cleydon*. Arms, as before.
25. *William Hawtreay*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
26. *Robert Dormer*, Esq. Seat, *Wing Park*. Arms, as before.
27. *Edward Bulstrode*, Esq. Seat, *Hedgeley Bulstrode*. Arms, as before.
28. *John Temple*, Esq. Seat, *Stow*. Arms, Argent on 2 Bars Sable, 6 Martlets Or.
29. *John Goodwyn*, Esq. Seat, *Upper Winchington*. Arms, as before.
30. *John Borlace*, Esq. Seat, *Bockmere*. Arms, as before.
31. *Francis Cheyne*, Esq. Seat, *Chebbam Bois*. Arms, as before.
32. *George Fleetwode*, Esq. Seat, *The Vache*. Arms, as before.
33. *Alexander Hampden*, Esq. Seat, *Hartwell*. Arms, as before.
34. *Henry Longueville*, Esq. Seat, *Wolverton*. Arms, as before.
35. *Thomas Pygot*, Esq. Seat, *Dodderball*. Arms, as before.
36. *Michael Harcourt*, Esq. Seat, *Leckhampsted*. Arms, Gules 2 Bars Argent.
37. *Edward Tyrrell*, Esq. Seat, *Thorn-ton*. Arms, Argent, 2 Chevrons Azure, within a Bordure engrailed Gules.
38. *Anthony Tyringham*, Esq. Seat, *Tyringham*. Arms, as before.
39. *John Dormer*, Esq. Seat, *Dorton*. Arms, as before.
40. *William Gerrard*, Esq. Seat, *Dorney Court*. Arms, Argent on a Fess Sable, a Lion passant of the first.
41. *Sir William Clerke*, Knt. Seat, *Shabington*. Arms, Argent on a Bend, Gules between 3 Pellets, as many Swans proper on a Canton Sinister; Azure a demi Ram mounting Argent, armed Or, between two Fleur de Lys's of the last. Over all a Baton dexter ways, as the second in the Canton.
42. *Thomas Denton*, Esq. Seat, *Hillersden*. Arms, Argent 2 Bars Gules in Chief, 3 Cingfoyls Sable.
43. *William Borlace*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
44. *Anthony Chester*, Esq. Seat, *Cbicb-ley*. Arms, Per pale Argent and Sable, a Chevron engrailed between 2 Rams Heads attired Or, all counter-changed.

Anno 1602, James I.

1. *Sir Francis Cheyne*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
2. *Sir William Willoughby*, Knt. Seat, *Marlow*. Arms, Or on 2 Bars Gules, 3 Water Bougets Sable.
3. *Richard Ingoldby*, Knt. Seat, *Lenborough* in Bucks Parish. Arms, Ermine, a Saltire engrailed Sable.
4. *Sir Henry Longueville*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
5. *Sir William Andrews*, Knt. Seat, *Latibury*. Arms, Argent on a Bend cotised, Sable 3 Mulletts of the Field.
6. *Sir Francis Fortescue*, Knt. of the Bath. Seat, *Salden*. Arms, Azure, a Bend engrailed, Argent between two Cotises Or.

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7. *Anthony Greenway*, Esq. Seat, *Leckhampsted*. Arms, *Gules a Chevron between three Cups covered Or, on a Chief of the second, three Griffins Heads erased Sable*.
8. *Robert Lovet*, Knt. Seat, *Liscombe*. Arms, *Argent three Wolves passant in pale Sable, armed and langued Gules*.
9. *Jerom Horsley*, Knt. Seat, *Great Kimbell*. Arms, *Azure, three Horses Heads coupe Or, bridled Argent*.
10. *Edward Tyrrell*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
11. *Simon Mayne*, Esq. Seat, *Dynton*. Arms, *Argent on a Bend engrailed Sable three dexter Hands coupe and erected Sable*.
12. *Brian Janson*, Esq. Seats, *Beconsfield* and *Ashby Legers* in Com. *Northampton*. Quarterly *Azure and Gules over all a Cross patonce Or, and a Chief of the last*.
13. *Edmund Wheler*, Knt. Seat, *Riding Court* in *Datchet*. Arms, *Or a Chevron between three Leopards Faces Sable*.
14. *Sir Thomas Temple*, Knt. and Bart. Seat, and Arms, as before.
15. *Sir John Laurence*, Knt. Seat, *Iver*. Arms, *Argent a Cross Ragulee Gules on a Chief, Azure 3 Leopards Faces Or*.
16. *Francis Duncombe*, Esq. Seat, *Broughton*. Arms, *Argent Party per Chevron engrailed three Talbots Heads erased counter-changed*.
17. *Benedict Winchcombe*, Esq. Seat, *Ashenden*. Arms, *Azure on a Chevron engrailed between three Lapwings Or, as many Cinqfoyls of the first on a Chief of the second, a Fleur de Lys between two Spears Heads of the Field*.
18. *Sir Henry Lee*, Knt. and Bart. Seat, *Quarendon*. Arms, *Argent a Fess between 3 Crescents Sable*.
19. *Sir John Dynham*, Knt. Seat, *Borstaff*. Arms, as before.
20. *Sir William Fleetwode*, Knt. Seat, *Missenden Abby*. Arms, as before.
21. *Thomas Goodwyn*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before. Francis
22. *Edward Penn*, Esq. Seat, *Penn*. Arms, *Argent on a Fess Sable three Plates*.

Anno 1625, Charles I.

1. *Edward Coke*, Knt. Seat, *Stoke Poges*. Arms, *Per Pale Gules and Az. 3 Eagles displayed Arg.*
2. *Gilbert Gerrard*, Bart. Seat, *Aston Clinton*. Arms, *Argent a Saltire Gules*.
3. *Thomas Dayrell*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before. And, *Francis Cateley*, Esq. Seat, *Hardmead*. Arms, *Argent two Lions passant, in pale Sable, crowned Or*.
4. *Thomas Lee*, Esq. Seat, *Hartwell*. Arms, *Azure 2 Bars Or, a Bend Checque, Or and Gules*.
5. *William Andrews*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
6. *Thomas Hyde*, Bart. Arms, *Or a Chevron between three Lozenges Azure, on a Chief Gules an Eagle displayed of the Field*.
7. *William Smyth*, Knt. Seat, *Radcliffe*. Arms, *Sable on a Chevron between six Crosses, pat. fitchee Argent, 3 Fleur de Lys's Azure*.
8. *James Duppa*, Esq. Arms, *Azure a Lion's Paw erased in Fess between two Chains Or, in a Canton a Rose Gules*.
9. *Robert Dormer*, Esq. Seat, *Lee Grange*. Arms, as before.
10. *Francis Cbeyne*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.

11. *Peter*

11. *Peter Temple*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
12. *Heneage Proby*, Esq. Seat, *Raynes in Amersham*. Arms, *Ermine on a Fefs Gules, a Lion passant Or*.
13. *Anthony Chester*, Bart. Seat, and Arms, as before.
14. The same Sheriff, as supposed.
15. *Thomas Archdale*, Esq. Seat, *High Wycombe*. Arms, *Azure a Chevron Ermine inter three Talbots passant Or*.
16. The same.
17. *Richard Greenville*, Esq. Seat, *Wotton Underwood*. Arms, *Vert on a Cross Argent five Torteauxes*.
18. *Sir John Tyringham*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
19. None to be found.
20. *Henry Beke*, Esq. Seat, *Hadenham*. Arms, *Or two Bars dancette Sable on a Chief Azure 3 Annulets Arg.*
21. None occur.
22. *William Bowyer*, Esq. Seat, *Denham Court*. Arms, *Or, a Bend vaire between two Cotizes Gules*.
23. *Richard Berringer*, Esq. Seat, *Iver*. Arms, *Or a Cross vert over all on a Bend Gules three Fleur de Lys's Or*.
24. *John Clarke*, Esq. Seat, *Hitcham, q.* *Argent on a Bend Gules between three Pellets three Swans proper*.
4. *Robert Dormer*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
5. *John Laurence*, Esq. Seat, *Bradwell Abby*. Arms, *Argent a Cross Ragule between three cinquefoils Gules*.
6. *Thomas Hampson*, Esq. Seat, *Taplow*. Arms, *Argent, 3 Hempbreaks Sable*.
7. *Roger Price*, Esq. Seat, *Westbury*. Arms, *Arg. 3 Blackbirds proper*.
8. *George Tash*, Esq. Seat, *Iver*. Arms, *Per Pale a Chevron voided inter three Cinquefoils on a Chief two Escallops*.
9. *William Penn*, Esq. Seat, *Penn*. Arms, as before.
10. *Thomas Coppin*, jun. Esq. Seat, *Emberton*. Arms, *Or a Chief wayre*.
11. *Henry Chester*, Esq. Arms, as before.

### Restauratton, 1660.

12. *Thomas Catesby*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
13. *William Abell*, Esq. deceased. Seat, *East Clayden*. Arms, *Argent a Saltire engrailed Azure*.  
*Francis Cheney*, Knt. Seat, and Arms, as before.
14. *John Corrance*, Esq. Seat, *Haverham*.
15. *Sir Robert Gayer*, Knt. of the Bath. Seat, *Stoke Poges*.
16. *Robert Lovet*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
17. *Francis Duncombe*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
18. *Simon Bennet*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
19. *Thomas Risley*, Esq. Seat, *Cbetwode*. Arms, *Argent a Fefs Azure between 3 Crescents Gules*.
20. *Nicholas le Grice*, Esq. Seat, *Iver*. Arms, *Quarterly Azure and Gules*

### Usurpatton, 1648.

Anno 1648, Charles II.

- 1.
2. *Richard Atkins*, Esq. Seat, *Newport Pagnel*. Arms, *Azure 3 Bars Argent in Chief 3 Bezants*.
3. *Simon Bennet*, Esq. Seats, *Beachampton and Calverton*. Arms, *Gules three demi Lions rampant Argent, in Fefs Point a Bezant*.

- over all on a Bend Argent, three Boars passant Sable, tushed Or.
21. *Anthony Chester*, Bart. Seat, *Chicheley*. Arms, as before.
22. *John Thompson*, Esq. Seat, *Haversham*. Arms, Or on a Fess, dauncettee Azure three Estoils of six Points in a Canton of the second, a Sun of the first.
23. *Sir Joseph Alston*, Bart. Seat, *Bradwell Abbey*. Arms, Azure 10 Stars, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Or.
24. *Richard Greenville*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
25. *Sir Roger Hill*, Kt. Seat, *Denham*. Arms, Gules, a Chevron engrail'd Ermine between 3 Garbs Or.
26. *Thomas Lewis*, Esq. Seat, *Borstaff*. Arms, Sable a Lion rampant Argent.
- 27 and 28. *Sir Henry Palmer*, Bart. for 2 Years. Arms, Or 2 Bars, Gules, on each 3 Trefoils slipt of the first, in Chief a Greyhound Current Sable.
- 29 and 30. *Sir Compton Read*, Bart. for 2 Years. Seats, *Sbington*, Co. Oxon. Arms, Gules, a Saltire between 4 Garbs Or.
31. *Thomas Edgerley*, Esq. Seat, *Water Stratford*. Arms, A Chevron Gules, between three Cingfoyls five Bezants.
32. *Francis Knollys*, Esq. Seat, *Lower Winchington*. Arms, Gules on a Chevron Argent, 5 Roses of the first.
33. *Sir Dennis Hampson*, Bart. Seat, and Arms, as before.
54. *Thomas Hacket*, Esq. Seat, *North Crawley*. Arms, Three Fleur de Lys's on a Bend between two Cotises Gules.
35. *John Cullen*, Esq. Seat, *Wavendon*. Arms, An Eagle displayed.
36. *Sir Dennis Hampson*, Bart. Seat, and Arms, as before.
- Anno, 1684, James, II.
1. *Robert Hart*, Esq. Seat, *Brill*. Arms, Per Chevron, Gules and Azure, three Harts Trippant.
2. *Edward Leigh*, Esq. Seat, *Iver*. Arms, Gules on a Cross, five Leopards Faces Vert.
3. *Nicholas Salter*, Esq. Seat, *Ankerwyke*. Arms, Gules, 10 Billets, 4, 3, 2, 1. Or, a Bordering Argent.
4. *Sir Edward Longueville*, Bart. Novæ Scotiæ. Seat, and Arms, as before.
- Anno 1688, William and Mary, and William alone.
1. *William Fleetwode*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
2. *Edmund Waller*, Esq. Seat, *Gregory's in Beconsfield*. Arms, Sable, 3 Walnut Leaves slipt in Bend, Or, between 2 Cotize Argent.
3. *Harry Tyrrill*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
4. *Henry Neale*, Esq. Seat, *Hulcote*. Arms, Per pale Sable, and Gules, Over all a Lion passant guardant Argent.
5. *Edmund Duffield*, Esq. Seat, *Medmenham*. Arms, Sable, a Chevron between 3 Doves, Argent.
6. *Johnshall Crosse*, Esq. Seat, *Bledlow*. Arms, Quarterly Azure and Argent, in the first and fourth Quarter a Cross Moline Argent.
7. *Hugh Horton*, Esq. Seat, *Grove in Ellisborough*. Arms, Sable, a Bucks Head, Argent attired Or.
8. *John Leigh*, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
9. *Richard*

9. Richard Akin, Esq. Seat, Hambleton. Arms, *Argent on a Bend Sable, three Acorns flipt Or.*
10. John Rogers, Esq. Seat, Lenborough. Arms, *Argent, a Chevron Azure, Inter 3 Bucks Current Sable, attired Or.*
11. John Sparke, Esq. Seat, Chip. Wycombe. Arms, *Chequy Or and Vert, a Bend Ermine.*
12. Richard Whitchurch, Esq. Seat, Chalfont, St. Peter.
13. Robert Wedon, Esq. Seat, Fawley. Arms, *Argent 2 Bars Gu. in Chief 3 Martlets proper.*

Anno, 1702. Anne.

1. Sir Henry Palmer, Bart. Seat, and Arms, as before.
2. Sir Joseph Alston, Bart. Seat, and Arms, as before.
3. Henry Gould, Esq. Seat, Noke Mill in Iver. Arms, *A Lion rampant, in Saltire.*
4. Henry Andrews, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
5. Edward Harvey, Esq. Seat, Chilton. Arms, *Or, on a Chief indented Sable 3 Crescents Argent.*
6. Roger Penn, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
7. Timothy Wingfield. Seat, Agmondesham. Arms, *Argent on a Bend, Gules, cotoized Sable, 3 Hawk Lewers, Argent.*
8. John Perryman, Esq. Seat, Farnham Royal. Arms, *Or, on a Pile Vane, a Chevron engrailed between 3 Leopards Faces, Or.*
9. John Fletwode, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
10. Robert Grange, Esq. Seat, Little Harwood.
11. Richard Seare, Esq. Seat, Great Missenden. Arms, *Gules, a Chevron Argent, between 3 Doves*

*Argent, a Chief Ermin.*

12. Hatton Tash, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
13. John Davenport, Esq. Seat, Datchet. Arms, *Argent, a Chevron between 5 Cross Crosets, Fitchee Sable.*

Anno, 1714. George, I.

1. John Hillersden, Esq. Seat, Stoke Hammond. Arms, *Argent on a Chevron, Sable, 3 Bulls Heads, Caboched of the first.*
2. John Leapidge. Seat, Emberton.
3. William Mead, Esq. Seat, Aylebury. Arms, *Sable, a Chevron between 3 Pelicans, Or Vulning, themselves proper.*
4. John Throckmorton, Esq. Seat, Warrington in Olney. Arms, *Gules on a Chevron Argent, 3 Bars Gemellés Sable.*
5. Edward Sparke, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
6. William Proby, Esq. Seat, and Arms, as before.
7. Thomas Ingoldsby, Esq. Seat, Walldridge in Dinton. Arms, *Ermine a Saltire engrailed, Sable, Azure fimbriated Or.*
8. Daniel Baker, Esq. Seat, Penn. Arms, *Argent on a Fefs, engrailed Sable Inter 2 Bars indented Or, 3 Fleur de Lys's of the third inter 2 Greybonds Current of the second.*
9. John Fuller, Esq. Seat, Bradwell Abby.
10. Martin Basil, Esq. Seat, Beconsfield.
11. Richard Smith, Esq. Seat, Padbury. Arms, *A Fefs engrailed between 3 Martlets, Sable On 3 Crosses Formee Or.*
12. Thomas Utbate, Esq. Seat, Great Lynford. Arms, *Azure a Lion Rampant Argent.*

13. Richard

13. *Richard Sydenham, Esq. Seat, Hugenden. Arms, Argent a Bend Fuzilee Sable.*
- Anno 1727. George, II.*
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| <p>1. <i>Francis Tyringham, Esq. Seat, Lower Winchington. Arms, as before.</i></p> <p>2. <i>John Lydgold, Esq. Seat, Burnham. Arms, Sable a Bezant in Fefs Point, a Chief Argent.</i></p> <p>3. <i>George Franklyn. Seat, Hadenbam.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Bernard Tourney, Esq. Seat, Cublington. Arms, Argent a Chevron between 3 Bulls passant Sable, Armed Or.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Benjamin Woodnotb, Esq. Seat, Thornborough. Arms, Argent, a Crofs Voided and Couped Sable.</i></p> <p>6. <i>Thomas Saunders, Esq. Seat, Brill. Arms, Party per Chevron Argent and Sable 3 Elephants Heads, erased Counter changed.</i></p> | <p>7. <i>Benjamin Burroughs. Arms, Azure a Bend wavy Argent between 2 Fleur de Lys's Ermine.</i></p> <p>8. <i>John Ware. Seat, Chesham.</i></p> <p>9. <i>John Pollard, Esq. Seat, Leckhampsted. Arms, Argent, a Chevron, Sable between 3 Mulletts Gules.</i></p> <p>10. <i>James Herbert, Esq. Seat, Kingsey. Arms, Per pale Azure and Gules, 3 Lions rampant Argent.</i></p> <p>11. <i>Richard Lowndes, Esq. Seat, Winslow. Arms, Argent Frettee Or, each Joint studded with a Besant on a Canton, Gules a Lyons Head, Coupee of the second.</i></p> <p>12. <i>John Pigott, Esq. Seat, Dodershall. Arms, Ermine Fuselle, in Fefs Sable.</i></p> <p>13. <i>Thomas James Selby, Esq. Seat, Wavendon. Arms, Barry of 8 Or, and Sable.</i></p> |
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## C H A P. III.

*Of the STATE of the TOWN during the Times of the  
BRITONS, SAXONS, NORMANS, and who Lords of it to 1735.*

THAT this Town gave Name to the County of the same Denomination has been universally agreed by all antient Writers : Neither has it been ever otherwise alledged by any Person in the least conversant in *English* History ; *As a Reason fit only to captivate the Imagination of an Antiquary*, that it should be divested, and altogether deprived of the Honours and Advantages which other County Towns of this Kingdom enjoy, or continue possessed of.

The Town itself, no doubt, took its Name from *Buc*, cervus, an *Hart* or *Deer* ; and its Vicinity to the Forest and being included heretofore within the Limits or Bounds of the same, seem to confirm and establish this Derivation.

But as to its being a *Roman* Town, and called by them *Neomagus*, I cannot agree with the Publisher of the Book of Records, who places it as such in his alphabetical List of the *Latin* or *Roman* Names of Places.

But it was, notwithstanding, a Town of great Antiquity ; For, we read that about the 44th Year after our Blessed Saviour's Nativity, *Aulus Plautius*, the *Roman* General under the Emperor *Claudius*<sup>b</sup>, surprized the *Britons* on the Banks of the River *Ouse*, at or near *Buckingham*.

And on the first spreading of *Christianity* in the *Saxon* Times, it became remarkable for the Sepulture of St. *Rumbald*<sup>c</sup>, Son of a King, born at *King's Sutton*, not far from hence in *Northamptonshire*, Nov. 1, 626, where he deceased within two Days, appointing his Body to rest there the first Year, the two next at *Brackley*, and at *Buckingham* for ever after<sup>d</sup> ; where in the Church was a Shrine erected for him, to which great Resort was made by Pilgrims. He having been canonized and made a Saint through superstitious Zeal ; and many Miracles being reported to have been wrought by him here, occasioned several Inns to be built for the Reception of Travellers, of which there is yet standing a large one opposite to the West End of the Church.

The next mention I meet with of this Town is in the Reign of King *Alfred*, on his Division of the Kingdom, *Anno* 886 into Shires, when he fixed on this Place as the most fitting to be the Capital of this his new erected County.

<sup>a</sup> See *Magna Britannia* in *Buckinghamshire*, and the Edition of *Camden* published in 1722, by Bishop *Gibson*.

<sup>b</sup> *Parochial Antiq.* p. 7.

<sup>c</sup> *Capgrave's Legend*, fol. 279.

<sup>d</sup> *Leland's Itinerary*, vol. iii. p. 39.

And



And here it was that his Son King *Edward* the Elder took up his Quarters in the Year 918, who, as we are told<sup>e</sup>, having raised a great Army, marched to *Buccingabamme* before the Feast of *St. Martin*, and lay a Month there; and caused two Forts to be built and garrisoned on each Side the River *Ouse*, and thence advancing towards the *Danes*, struck such a Terror into them, that they were glad to make their Peace.

We also find that *Anno* 941, the *Danes* made an Excursion to *Buckingham*, and committed great Outrages.

And that *Anno* 1010<sup>f</sup> the *Danes* came again into these Parts, and after making great Destruction marched hither as to a Place of Strength.

However our Histories will not allow that this Town was very considerable in the Time of the *Normans*, forasmuch as in *Doomsday-Book* there is only given this following Survey of it<sup>g</sup>, which I shall here exhibit, as it stands in the Original, with a Translation thereof into *Englisch*.

*Bochingham cum Bortone, pro una Hida se defendebat T. R. E. et modo similiter facit. Terra est viii Caruc. in Dominio sunt ii. Et Villani habent, iii Car. et Dimid. et ad huc Due et Dimid. possunt fieri. Ibi sunt xxvii Burgenses, et xi Bordar, et ii Servi. Ibi i Molin de xiiii Sol; Pratum, viii Car. pastura ad pecudem Ville. In totis valentiis T. R. E. reddebat x Lib. ad Numerum, modo reddit xvi Lib. de albo Argent.*

*Ecclesiam hujus Burghi Tenet Remigius Episcopus, et Terram iiiii Caruc. Que ad eam pertinet; ibi sunt iiiii Caruc et iii Villani, et iii Bordar. et x Cotar. et i Molin. x Solidor. Pratum ii Car. Nemus ad sepes, valet et valuit vi Lib. Tempore Edwardi Regis vii Lib. banc Ecclesiam Tenuit Ulvius Episcopus de Rege Edwardo.*

*Bochingham* with *Borton* was taxed for one Hide in the Time of King *Edward*, and now likewise; the arable is eight Plough-Lands. There are two in Demesne, and the Villans have three Plough-Lands and an Half, and yet there may be two more and an Half made. There are 27 Burgeses, and eleven Bordars, and two Servants; there is one Mill of 14 s. Rent, Meadow sufficient for the eight Plough-Lands; Pasture for the Cattle of the Town, for all Dues it paid in the Time of King *Edward*, ten Pounds by Tale, now it pays sixteen Pounds of White Money.

Bishop *Remigius* holds the Church of this Burgh, and four Plough-Lands which belong to it, there are four Ploughs, and three Villans, and three Bordars, and ten Cotagers, and one Mill of 10 s. Rent, Meadow sufficient for two Ploughs, and Wood sufficient for Hedges; it is and was worth six Pounds by the Year, in the Time of King *Edward*, it was worth seven Pounds. Bishop *Ulvius* held this Church of King *Edward*.

<sup>e</sup> *Chronicon Sax.* p. 106. and *Parochial Antiq.* p. 42. From *Brompton* and *Mattb. Westm. Leland's Collect.* vol. iii. p. 299. *Moreton's Northamptonshire*, p. 537.

<sup>f</sup> *Parochial Antiq.* p. 48.

<sup>g</sup> *Camden's Britannia*, p. 285. Editio 1695.

*In hoc Burgo Episcopus Constantiensis habet iii Burgenes quos tenuit Wulward filius Eddeve, bi reddunt vi Sol. et vi Denar. per Annum, et Regi reddunt xi Denar.*

*Hugo Comes habet i Burgensem qui fuit homo Burcardi de Senelay, hic reddit xxvi Denar. per Annum, et Regi v Denar.*

*Robertus de Olgi habet i Burgensem qui fuit homo Azor f. Toti. Hic reddit xvi Denar. per Annum, et Regi v Denar.*

*Rogerus de Ivery habet iiii Burgenes qui fuerunt homines ejusdem Azor, bi reddunt vii Sol. et vi Denar. et Regi xiii Denar.*

*Hugo de Bolebec habet iiii Burgenes, qui fuerunt homines Alrici. Hi reddunt xxviii Denar. et Regi xii Denar.*

*Manno Brito habet iiii Burgenes qui fuerunt homines Eddeve femine Syred bi reddunt xxix Denar. Regi nil debent.*

*Hascojus Musart, habet i Burgensem qui fuit homo Azor, f. Toti, hic reddit xvi Denar. et Regi ii Denar.*

*Ernulfus de Hesding habet i Burgensem qui fuit Wilaf, hic reddit per Annum ii Sol. et Regi iii Denar.*

*Willielmus de Castellon de Feudo Episcopi Baiocensis, habet ii Burgenes, qui fuerunt homines Leuvini Comitis. bi reddunt xvi Denar. et Regi modo nihil. Sed T. R. E. reddebant iii Denar.*

In this Burgh the Bishop of *Constance* hath three Burgeses, which *Wulward* the Son of *Eddeve* held; these pay six Shillings and six Pence to him by the Year, and to the King eleven Pence.

Earl *Hugh* hath one Burges, who was the Comendatus, or under Protection of *Burcard* of *Senelay*; he paid twenty six Pence by the Year, and to the King five Pence.

*Robert D'Oyly* hath one Burges who was the Man, or under the Protection of *Azor* the Son of *Toti*. He paid sixteen Pence, and to the King five Pence.

*Roger de Ivery* hath four Burgeses which were under the Patronage of the same *Azor*; these paid seven Shillings and six Pence, and to the King thirteen Pence.

*Hugh de Bolebec* hath four Burgeses who were the Men, or under the Patronage of *Alric*; these paid twenty eight Pence, and to the King twelve Pence.

*Manno a Briton* hath four Burgeses, which were the Men, or under the Protection of *Eddeve* the Wife of *Syred*; these pay twenty nine Pence, they owe nothing to the King.

*Hascoy Musart* hath one Burges who was under the Protection of *Azor*, Son of *Toti*; he paid sixteen Pence, and to the King two Pence.

*Ernulf* of *Hesding*, hath one Burges who was *Wilaf's*; he pays two Shillings, and to the King three Pence.

*William de Castellon* feudal Tenant to the Bishop of *Bajoux*, hath two Burgeses, who were under the Protection, or the Men of Earl *Leuvin*; these paid sixteen Pence, and nothing now to the King, but in the Time of King *Edward* they paid three Pence.

*De Feudo Alberici Comitis i Bur-*  
*gens reddit Regi ii Denar.*

*Leuwinus de Neweham habet v*  
*Burgenfes et T. R. E. habuit; bi*  
*reddunt ei iiii Sol. per Annum, et Regi*  
*xii Denar.*

One Burges was of the Fee of Earl  
*Alberic*, and paid to the King two  
Pence.

*Leuwin* of *Neweham*, hath five  
Burgeses, and had them in the Time  
of King *Edward*; these pay to him  
four Shillings by the Year, and to the  
King twelve Pence.

Here are all the twenty seven Burgeses of this Burgh, obnoxious to, and  
under the Protection of, Foreign Lords and Patrons; as Dr. *Brady* observes  
in his *History of Burghs*, p. 9.

Having thus exhibited the Survey of this Town as given in *Doomsday Book*, and Dr. *Brady's* Remark that all its Burgeses were under Foreign Lords and Patrons; I may here observe, that as this Survey only includes the Borough or Town of *Buckingham* itself, so it would not appear so inconsiderable as it is here represented, were its Members and Appurtenances taken into it. In the Return of *Stafford*, there are only sixteen Burgeses accounted for. Even *Bristol*, and several other of our present large Towns, seem to be Places of no great Note at the Time of the *Conquest*.

And though this was the State of *Buckingham* at the Time of compiling *Doomsday Book*; yet it soon after became the Property of its first Earl, viz. *Walter Giffard*, and on his Death, which happened *Anno* 1103, descended to his Son *Walter Giffard*, the second Earl of *Buckingham*, who dying *Anno* 1164 without Issue, this Manor came in Marriage with his Sister *Robese* or *Roefia*, to *Richard Clare*, Earl of *Clare*, which Family also assumed the Title of *Earl of Buckingham*; and so it passed again (as we are told in *Dugdale's Barons*, vol. i. p. 419.) in Frank-Marriage to *William de Breose*, *Anno* 1216, with a Daughter of *Richard de Clare*, with which Daughter the said *William* obtained the Town of *Buckingham*. And had Issue by her, *William*, Father to *John de Breose*, Lord of the Castle and Honour of *Swansey* in *Glamorganshire*, and *Bramber* in *Suffex*; at which last Place, in the Castle there, he departed this Life, *Anno* 16 *Hen. III.* 1232, by a Fall from his Horse, his Foot sticking in the Stirrup. And that upon his Death (as the same Author tells us) the King gave Command to the Sheriff of *Buckinghamshire* to seize the Lordship of *Buckingham*, which was of the Dowry of *Margaret* his Wife; and to deliver the same to *John de Rievaulk*, to be by him detained until such Time as the said *Margaret*<sup>a</sup> did render unto him the two Sons of her late Husband *John de Breose*, of whom *William* the eldest dying about 1290, 19 of *Edward I.* left Issue *William* his Son and Heir, who came to an Agreement with *Margaret* his Father's Relict, concerning her Dower. He was an unthrifty Person, as is said by *Dugdale*, and a great Waster of his Patri-

<sup>a</sup> This *Margaret* was afterwards married to *Walter Clifford*. Which *Walter* and *Margaret* *Anno* 1258, passed *Buckingham* to the aforesaid *William de Breose* and his Heirs, as appears in the Fine. See the Account in *Dugdale's Barons*.

mony; good Part of which he alienated before his Death, which happened about 1323. and, as it seems to me, sold his Manor of *Buckingham* to *Hugh de Audley*, who having married *Isabel* Coheir to *Gilbert de Clare*, was, in his Wife's Right, created Earl of *Gloucester*, Anno 1337; and leaving Issue one only Daughter named *Margaret*, she brought this Manor to her Husband *Ralph Stafford*, created Earl of *Stafford* 1351, for he died seized of *Leets* here, and at *Boreton* and *Lenborough* 46 *Edward III.* 1372, and was succeeded by *Hugh Stafford* his Son and Heir. On whose Death Anno 1387, 10 *Ric. II.* these Demesnes descended to *Thomas* and *Edmund*, his Sons and Successors in the Earldom of *Stafford*; and so came to his Grandson *Humphry* Earl of *Stafford*, created Duke of *Buckingham* 1444, who was, on the Death of his Father, Anno 1460, returned to be seized of these Manors of *Buckingham* and *Boreton*. And as the Inquisition sets forth, *Henry* his Grandson was found to be Heir: But in Regard of his Attainder by King *Edward IV.* this his Manor of *Buckingham* was granted to *Richard Fowler*, Chancellor of the Duchy of *Lancaster*: For he died in Possession thereof and of *Boreton*, Anno 1477. However, upon the Accession of *Henry VII.* to the Crown, An. 1485, it again reverted to the *Staffords*, and was enjoyed by *Edward* the third Duke of *Buckingham* of that Name and Family, Founder of *Buckingham-College* in the University of *Cambridge*; who being beheaded Anno 13 *Henry VIII.* on May 17, 1522, the said King, by Letters Patent dated March 18 following, granted the Manor and Borough of *Buckingham* with *Boreton*, to *Henry Lord Marney*, and his Issue-Male; in Default of which, Anno 1526, 17 *Henry VIII.* that King granted the said Manors to *William Cary*, Esq; who, as the Inquisition taken October 29, 1529, An. 20 *Hen. VIII.* sets forth, "died June 22, that Year seized of the Manors of *Little Brickbill*, *Boreton* and *Esfington*, and of the Borough of *Buckingham*, and Markets, "Court-Leets, Goods of Felons, etc. thereto belonging, which came to the "Crown by the Attainder of *Edward Duke of Buckingham*; and that *Henry Cary*, "his Son and Heir was two Years old," which *Henry* growing in special Favour with King *Edward VI.* obtained a Confirmation of the same to himself and his Heirs for ever; and was, in Regard of his near Alliance to Queen *Elizabeth*, (being her Mother's Sister's Son) created Baron of *Hunsdon* in the County of *Hertford*; and having, as I presume, purchased Lands elsewhere, procured, Anno 1553, a License to sell his Estate here to *Robert Brocas*; who, as I find by the Inquisition taken after his Death, departed this Life August 6, 1557, seized of *Horton* Manor in *Edlesborough*, and *Slapton*, *Cbedington*, *Little Brickbill*, *Buckingham* and *Boreton* Manors, and the Borough of *Buckingham*; and that *Bernard Brocas* his Son and Heir was 21 Years old, who making Proof of his Age, had Livery of the said Manors: Which *Bernard* alienating his Possessions October 8, 1574, 16 *Elizabeth*, as I am informed, passed away this his Manor of *Buckingham*, together with the Tolls, etc. of the Markets and Fairs, to the Corporation of *Buckingham*, by a

<sup>1</sup> Vide the Escheats; Patents, Inquisitions, *post Mortem*, *Dugdale's Baronage*, etc. Printed Accounts.

<sup>2</sup> *Brocas*, Anno 1574, on April 25, 16 *Elizabeth*, leased an House in *Bucks* to *John Lambert*, for 2000 Years on Payment of 2d. as I saw in a Deed.

Lease made for 999 Years and yet for to come, as the Words of the Lease (as I am told) express, reserving to himself and his Heirs only a Quit-rent of 40 s. *per Annum* out of it, payable by the Corporation of *Bucks*; which said Rent being purchased by the antient Family of the *Temples*, Lords of the adjacent Parish of *Stow-Langport*, the same is now vested *Anno* 1735, in Sir *Richard Temple*, Baronet, created Lord Viscount *Cobham*, *Anno* 1718, and is accordingly held of him on the said Payment by the Corporation, under *Brocas's* Grant, who died *March* 21, 1589, possessed only of *Little Brickbill* Manor, as the Inquisition sets forth.

#### C H A P. IV.

#### *Of the SITUATION of the TOWN and its late MISFORTUNES by FIRE.*

THE Situation and Ichnography of this Town, with the Disposition of its Church, Castle, Streets, and Lanes, being exhibited in *Speed's* Map of it, *Anno* 1610, and in *Rutger Hermannide's* Abridgment of *Camden's Britannia*, printed *Anno* 1661 at *Amsterdam* in *Holland*, I shall thither refer those that desire more exactly to know it; however, not to omit what our Authors tell us, I shall from them briefly add, That it is surrounded on all Sides, except the *North*, by the River *Ouse*, over which it hath three fair Stone Bridges; and is divided into two Parts by an Hill in the Midst\*, on which was a strong Castle long since reduced to Ruins; and that in the *North* Part stands the Town-Hall, and in the *South*, the Church noted for the Shrine of *St. Rembald*, and a Prebendal-House, endowed with Lands of 1000 l. *per Annum*: And that here was also a Chapel of *St. John Baptist*, now converted into a Free-School; and shall only farther remark, that though above a third Part of the Houses were burnt down by a late terrible Fire, yet those that were since rebuilt having been erected on the Foundations of the old Houses, very little or no Alteration hath been made in the Scite of the Town, *Sed manet ut fuerat* in the Streets, *etc.*

The Account of this Fire, as it was given in the *News Papers* at the Time it happened, I shall here insert.

*London, March* the 18th, 1724-5.

“ On *Monday* last, the 15th of this Instant *March*, about seven in the Evening, a dreadful Fire broke out near the *Unicorn* Inn in *Buckingham*; which burnt with such Vehemency, that it soon consumed 138 Dwelling Houses, besides Out-houses, Barns, Stables, Hay, Corn, *etc.* By which Desolation above 200 Families are miserably undone; and it is computed that the Loss cannot amount to less than 40,000 l. there being very few that had the least Opportunity of saving any of their Goods.”

\* Vide *Magna Britannia*, *Camden*, *etc.* Printed Accounts of *Buckingham*.

And there being also a farther Account given of the said Fire in *Notitia Parliamentaria*, Vol. i. p. 98 and 99, I shall likewise beg Leave to reprint it here also, That Author having, in his Book published *Anno 1730*, taken Notice of the Decay of the Town since *Henry the Seventh's* Reign (when in Regard of its being the most considerable in the Shire, it had assigned to it the Custody of the Weights and Measures of the County by Act of Parliament) tells us, " That after the Gaol had been removed to *Aylesbury*, in the following Reign, *viz. Henry VIII's*. And though by Loss of the Wool Trade, this Town had fallen greatly to Decay, yet by Virtue of a considerable *Saturday's* Market (and eight Fairs, held on *February 24th, April 25th, June 29th, August 24th, September 21st, October 28th, Monday Sevensnight* after *Epiphany* or *Twelfth-day*, and *Thursday* in *Whitson Week*) it enjoyed a good Trade, and begun of late Years to improve in Buildings ('till a very great Calamity befel its Inhabitants by a dreadful Fire, which happened *March 15th, 1724*, and consumed out of 387 Dwelling-Houses, no less than 138, which were entirely burnt down, with several Out Houses, *etc.* belonging to the remaining 249 Houses: And though this Misfortune might, as at divers other Places, have contributed towards raising a beautiful regular Town, worthy of denominating so rich and populous a County as *Buckinghamshire* is; yet hath the same, through Neglect of obtaining an Act of Parliament as at *Northampton, Warwick, etc.* and for want of consulting proper Measures at first (which would have raised up those principally concerned, a Name better than of Sons and Daughters) tended greatly towards impoverishing the Town, and sunk its Trade and Markets, which it is to be feared will decay more and more; inasmuch as there is not, in all this Time, a third Part of the Houses rebuilt, and those that have been begun are not carried up in any Uniformity; there not being any Attempt towards setting out the Streets, the Omission of which must always be regretted by such who cannot but have at Heart the Credit and Interest of this their Mother-Town in particular, or future Reputation of the County in general. And notwithstanding it hath been reflected by some, as if this Loss was magnified and over-computed, and that the Townsmen would have, in Exchange, for bad or indifferent Houses handsome and convenient Dwellings; yet it will, I fear, turn out quite otherwise in the End; and that the Damage will at length exceed the highest Calculation, must be apparent to all such who are conversant in Trade; for it is not the Quality or Fineness of Building, but Quantity of Offices, and Rooms for Conveniency, that furnish out Necessaries for Shopkeepers; and if these are not provided for in Time, there can be but little Reparation in erecting them, after the Trade is irretrievably gone hence, and transplanted elsewhere."

I may also add, that this Misfortune has further tended to the Detriment of the Town, as it has occasioned Persons to pull down several large Houses to sell the Materials to build small Tenements; and here insert the Names of the Streets and Lanes, referred to in the Map, which are as follows, *viz. Podd-lane, Naff-end, High-street, West-street, Castle-street, Well-street, Water-lane, St. Rumbald's-lane, Church-bridge, Prebend-end, Castle-bridge, Sheriffs-bridge;* which

which last Name seems to retain and denote the ancient Transactions of the County Business being done here.

Having thus briefly gone through the Account of the Town of *Buckingham*, I proceed to treat of the Hamlets appendant to it, viz. *Boreton*, *Lenborough*, and *Gawcot*, of which in their Order.

## CHAP. V.

*Of the HAMLETS belonging to this TOWN, and their POSSESSORS from WILLIAM the Conqueror's Time to 1735 viz. BORETON, LENBOROUGH, and GAWCOT.*

NOTwithstanding *Boreton* was joined with *Buckingham* in the Account given of it in *Doomsday-Book*; yet I find the Manor was then Part of the Possessions of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham*, as appears by the following Survey in another Part of *Doomsday-Book*.

*Terra Walteri Giffard in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Hugo Tenet de Walterio Burtone pro una Hida se defendebat Terra est ii Carucatum in Dominio est una, et ii Villani cum ii Bordariis habentibus iiii Carucatas: Pratum ii Carucatarum valet et valuit xxx's. Tempore Regis Edwardi xxs.*

*Hoc manerium tenuit Alricus Teignus Regis Edwardi et vendere potuit.*

*Hugh* holds *Burtone* of *Walter Giffard*. It was taxed at one Hide, the Arable is two Carucates, there is one in Demefne, and two Copyholders, and two Cottages; they have four Carucates, and of Meadow two Carucates. It is worth, and was valued at 30 s. in King Edward's Time at 20 s.

*Alric*, a Thane or Knight of King *Edward*, held this Manor, and could sell it.

And in the Foundation Charter of the Priory of *Newinton-Longueville*, printed in the *Monasticon*, Vol. iii. p. 111. we find that *Walter Giffard* the second Earl of *Buckingham*, inter 1153 and 1163, endowed that Convent with the Tenthhs of his Demefnes in *Boreton* as well as *Buckingham*.

And that *Boreton* was held by the same Lords as *Buckingham*, appears in all Accounts of it. For after the *Giffards*, it belonged to *Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*, and so came to the *Breoses*, of which Family *John Breose*, on the Estate coming to him after the Death of *Mary*, Relict of *William de Breose*, Anno 1327, re-leased to the Monastery of *Oseney*, as appears by the Register of that Convent, in the Archives of the Dean and Chapter of *Christ Church*, *Oxford*, all his View of Frank Pledge in his Manor of *Boreton*.

And in *Edward III's* Reign, Anno 1347, *Boreton* belonging to *Hugh de Audley*, passed in Marriage with *Margaret* his Daughter, and Heir to *Ralph Stafford*

*Stafford* Earl of *Stafford*. And his Descendants the *Staffords* Dukes of *Buckingham*, enjoyed it together with *Buckingham*, till the Attainder of *Edward Stafford* the last Duke of that Name and Family, Anno 1523; 13 *Henry VIII.* upon which the King granted it the same Year to *Henry Lord Marney* and his Issue Male; on the Failure of which, Anno 1526, 16 *Henry VIII.* the King granted these Manors to *William Cary*, Esq; by his Letters Patent: Whose Son and Heir *Henry Cary*, Anno 1553, obtaining License to sell his Lands here, conveyed this Manor, together with the Town of *Buckingham*, to *Robert Brocas*, Esq; who dying seized thereof, August 6, 1557, he was (as has been shewn page 27, in *Buckingham*) succeeded by his Son *Bernard Brocas*, Esq. who, in Queen *Elizabeth's* Time alienated *Buckingham*, and, as I presume, conveyed away his Interest to the then Possessor of the Capital Mansion House of this Village, viz. *Ferdinando Poulton*, the famous Writer and Publisher of the *Book of Statutes*, which he, as may be seen in *A. Wood's Athenae Oxonienses*, drew up in good Part during his Residence here, where he had several Children born, as appears from *Buckingham* Parish Register.

But the more ancient Owners of this Capital Mansion, as appears to me, were the *Fromes*, (and of *Lenborough* also :) For, Anno 1405, in *Henry IV's* Reign, I find that *John Frome* (who was, in *Richard II's* Time, one of the Knights of the County of *Buckingham*) in his last Will and Testament bequeathed 100 s. to his Tenants at *Boreton*.

After the *Fromes*, as I presume, the *Bartons* and *Fowlers* held it, and so it came to the *Mores* by Intermarriages; as *Fowler* had took to Wife *Isabella*, Sister and Heir of *John Barton*. And

*Thomas More*, or *Moor*, as in a Note I have seen, married a Daughter of *Fowler's*, whose Name, as I judge, was *Alice*, for the Names of *Thomas Moor* and *Alice* his Wife, remained in the Glass Windows of *Buckingham* Church, Anno 1592, (as I find in a Manuscript belonging to *James West*, Esq.) and that they had Issue *Richard More*, who occurs, possessed of *Boreton*, Anno 1487 and 1491, as does *Thomas More*, his Son and Heir 1495 and 1525, who leaving only two Daughters; this Estate came by Marriage of the eldest of them to *Giles Poulton*, who dying in the Year 1560, was succeeded by the aforesaid *Ferdinando Poulton*; on whose Death, which happened January 20, 1617, in the 82d Year of his Age, he was succeeded by *Francis Poulton* his Son, who occurs Owner of *Boreton*, Anno 1620. But being a weak bigotted *Papist*, and travelling to *Rome*, he fell into the Hands of *Richard Minshull*, Esq; of *Essex*; who, as I have been informed, advancing him several Sums of Money, got into Possession of the Estate, and worked him and his Family out of it, and about the Year 1628 or 1630, as they tell me, having enclosed the Lordship, at great Expence, got a Conveyance of it to himself and his Heirs, paying some Pensions or Rents out of it; for I have seen a Receipt of a Rent Charge of 20 l. per Annum, paid by him Anno 1633, to *Alexius Poulton*; and have been informed, that he allowed Mr. *Francis Poulton* an Annuity of 60 l. per Annum for his Life.

This Mr. *Minshull*, who was made a Knight, Anno 1626, on December 11, by King *Charles I.* at *Theobald's* and, as it is said, obtained a Patent to be created.



created a Peer, by the Title of *Baron Minsbull* of *Oundle* in the County of *Northampton*, became afterwards a great Sufferer for his Loyalty, his House at *Boreton* being plundered, and in Part pulled down, by the Parliament Soldiers, on *August* 18, 1642, as may be seen in *Mercurius Rusticus*, printed *Anno* 1647, p 31, 32, 33, 34, where is a long Account of the Affair; and in the Frontispiece of the Book a Sketch of the House<sup>a</sup>.

However he lived to the Restoration, and, as I find, compounded with the usurping Powers for <sup>1378</sup>*£*, and his Lady (who was *Mary* Daughter of *Sir George Perkins*, of *Runny* in the County of *Nottingham*) and Family resided here, *Anno* 1657, and he himself died here, and was buried in the Burial-Place belonging to his House, in the great North Cross Isle in *Buckingham* Church, known by the Name of *Poulton's Isle*, *November* 27, 1667; and succeeded by his Son and Heir of both Names, viz. *Richard Minsbull*, Esq. who dying in the Year 1684, was buried in the Chancel of the *Savoy* Church in *Westminster*, *August* 26 (as was also *Anne* his Wife, *July* 11, 1686, who was the Daughter of *Francis Finch*, of *Rushook* in the County of *Worcester*, Esq.) and succeeded by his eldest Son *Richard Minsbull*, Esq. who lived here for some Years in great Splendor, keeping a Coach and six Horses: But falling into Gaming and other Extravagances, and keeping several Running Horses, he contracted such great Debts, that he was obliged, in the Year 1712, to quit his Habitation, and take up his Quarters in the *King's Bench*, or *Fleet*, where he died, *January* 7, 1729-30, and was buried *Jan.* 10, in *St. Martin's Church Westminster*; leaving Issue one only Daughter named *Mary*, Heir to what is left, who is now living unmarried, *Anno* 1735, as is also her Mother, viz. *Catherine* Daughter of *Sir George Blount* of *Sodington* in *Worcestershire*, Bart.

The Tithes of this Hamlet valued at 100*l.* per Annum, being separated from those of *Buckingham*, having been purchased by *Sir Thomas Bennet*, Lord Mayor of *London*, in *King James I's* Time, were, by the last Will and Testament of his Son *Sir Simon Bennet*, Bart. who died *Anno* 1631, given to charitable Uses, viz. 20*l.* per Annum to cloathe ten poor Men at *Buckingham*; 20*l.* more per Annum to cloathe ten poor Men at *Stony Stratford*; 12*l.* to cloathe six in like Manner at *Beachampton*; and 12*l.* to cloathe six at *Calverton*; and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to mend the Highways at *Beachampton*; and 5*l.* to repair *Beachampton* Church, and the rest to other charitable Uses which are still applied; and the said poor Persons cloathed accordingly, as will be more fully mentioned in *Beachampton*.

The Extent of this Hamlet is about 1200 Acres; and the Number of Families is now only 12, though before the Enclosure, here were, as I am informed, as many good Farm Houses, besides Cottages and other Tenements. The chief Occupiers of the Farm-Houses were the *Porters*, *Bates*, and *Wisemans*.

<sup>a</sup> *Lloyd*, in his Memoirs, p. 688. says, *Sir Richard Minsbull* was plundered at *Boreton* to the Value of 2000*l.* in Goods, Bonds, and Chattels.

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2<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1648.  
in Journals of the  
House of Commons  
Vol. 2. p. 238.  
252  
261.  
Vol. 6. p. 40.

There is some Tradition that an House, still remaining in this Hamlet, where is a large arched Door-Cafe, was antiently a Chapel, and what strengthens the Tradition is, that here is a Wake or Feast still kept the *Sunday after Holy-Rood-Day*; viz. *Sept. 14*, and also that human Bones have been dug up in the House on sinking a Dairy.

Since the *Minshulls* left their House here, it hath been so dilapidated, and is fallen into such Ruin, that it is become almost uninhabitable; and must, if ever made a Seat again, be entirely rebuilt.

Having thus treated of *Boretton*, I now come to speak of

## L E N B O R O U G H,

*Which is thus described in Doomſday-Book.*

*Terra Walteri Giffard in Rovelai Hundred.*

*In Ledingeberg Tenet Radulfus de Walterio iii Hidas, pro uno Manerio. Terra est ii Carucatarum. Ibi est una et alia potest fieri. Ibi ii Bordarii et Pratum ii Carucatarum, valet xxx s. quando recepit lx s. Tempore Regis Edwardi xl s.*

*Hoc Manerium Tenuit Tonni Alrici Homo Filius Edingi et vendere potuit.*

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Ernulfus de Hefding Tenet de Episcopo in Ledingberge, vii Hidas pro uno Manerio. Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt ii. Et unus Villanus cum Sex Bordariis habentibus i Carucatum, et ii adhuc possunt fieri. Ibi iii Servi, Pratum v Carucatarum. Silva iii s. per Annum. Valet et valet lx s. Tempore Regis Edwardi iii s. l.*

*Hoc Manerium Tenuit Wilaf Homo Leuwini Comititis, et vendere potuit.*

*Ralph holds of Walter Giffard three Hides in Ledingberg for one Manor. The Arable is two Carucates. There is one Carucate, and another can be made out; and there are two Cottagers, and Meadow for the two Carucates. It is worth 30 s. when he received 60 s. In King Edward's Time 40 s.*

*Tunni, Tenant of Alric Son of Eding, held this Manor, and could sell it.*

*The Bishop of Bajeux's Land in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Ernulf de Hefding holds of the Bishop of Bajeux, seven Hides in Ledingberge for one Manor. The Arable is five Carucates. There are two in Demeafne, and one Copyholder, with six Cottagers holding one Carucate; and two more can be made out. There are three Servants, and five Carucates of Meadow. Wood worth 4 s. a Year. It is worth and was worth 60 s. In King Edward's Time four Pounds.*

*Wilaf, Tenant to Earl Leuwin, held this Manor, and could sell it.*

That the second Manor came soon after to the Possessor of the first, viz: *Walter Giffard*, I make no Doubt: For *Odo*, Bishop of *Bajeux*, Half Brother to *William the Conqueror*, and created by him Earl of *Kent*, rebelling against *William Rufus*, by taking Part with his Brother *Robert*, Duke of *Normandy*,

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had his Lands taken away from him, *Anno* 1088; and being banished the Realm, died at *Palermo* in *Italy*, and was buried in the Church of our Lady there, *Anno* 1096.

And that this Manor (as before observed) passed, as *Boreton* and *Buckingham* had done, from the *Giffards* to the *Clares*, *Breoses*, etc. appears from our Records; which testify its continuing appendant to *Buckingham*: For, *Anno* 21 *Edward* III. 1346, *Hugh de Audley* Earl of *Gloucester* died possessed of the Leets here, as did *Ralph* Earl of *Stafford* (who married *Margaret* Daughter of the said Earl of *Gloucester*) 1372; and *Hugh* Earl of *Stafford*, 1387; and *Thomas* Earl of *Stafford* 1393, and so it descending to the *Staffords* Dukes of *Buckingham*, became, after the Death of the last Duke of *Buckingham* of the Name and Family of *Stafford*, vested in the Crown, viz. the Titular Manor; till the same was granted away from it by Letters Patente dated June 11, *Anno* 9 of King *James* I. 1611. in which, "that King granted to *John Aldred* " and *William Whitmore*, Esqrs. all those Rents of Assizes and Services belonging to the Honour of *Gloucester*, in the Towns of *North Crawley*, " *Little Wolfson*, *Doreton*, *Wavendon*, *Milton*, *Maids Morton*, *Lamport cum* " *Stow*, *Boreton*, *Lenborough*, *Bowbrickbill*, *Great Harwood*, *Singleborough*, " *Wotton*, *Edyecot*, and *Great-Kimbell*, Parcel of the Honour of *Gloucester*, " and of the Possessions of *Edward* late Duke of *Buckingham* of the Value of " 5*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* to hold for ever in free Soccage of the Manor of *East Green-* " *wich*." From *Aldred* and *Whitmore* several, if not all, these Rents and Services were, not long after their obtaining them, purchased by the Family of *Dormer* of *Doreton*; by which Family, after about 100 Years Possession, many of them were sold to the chief Proprietors of these Parishes, as I have seen; and these of *Lenborough* being purchased by *John Rogers*, Esq. *Anno* 1704, of *John Dormer* of *Rowsham*, in the County of *Oxford*, Esq. was conveyed by him, *Anno* 1718, to *Edward Gibbon*, of *Putney* in the County of *Surrey*, Esq. together with the greatest Part of his Demesnes of *Lenborough*; and his Son *Edward Gibbon*, Esq. is. *Anno* 1735, the present Lord of this Manor of *Lenborough*.

However a Moiety of this Manor coming to a younger Branch of the Family of *Breoses*, they continued some Time possessed thereof: For *Roger Breose*, and *Alice* his Wife, levied a Fine of a third Part of the Manor of *Letbinbourgh*, *Anno* 1364, 39th of *Edward* III.

After the *Breoses* the Demesnes of *Lenborough* came, as I presume, *Temp.* *Richard* II. to the *Fromes*; and so, as I have mentioned in *Boreton*, *John Frome*, who died *Anno* 1405, was seized of *Lenborough* also, as well as *Boreton*, *Anno* 6 *Henry* IV.

About 40 Years after which, *Temp.* *Henry* VI. the Demesnes of this Place being acquired by the Family of *Ingoldby*, they seated themselves here by Purchases made *Anno* 24 and 27 *Henry* VI. 1445 and 1448, from *John Pennysatber* and *Alice* his Wife, *John* and *Thomas Thregmorton*, *Edmund Stratton*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and others, who conveyed their Messuages and Lands here to *Ralph* and *John Ingoldby*, as appears by the Fines. — Of which ancient Family of *Ingoldby* I come now to speak.

That

That they derive their Original from the antient Possessors of *Ingoldby* and *Skinnard* Parishes in *Lincolnshire*, appears from the Pedigree\*, which mentions Sir *Roger Ingoldby* being Lord of those Parishes, viz. *Ingoldby* and *Skinnard*, about 1230, and to have had Issue two Sons *John* and *Roger*, of which *John* the eldest dying without Issue, was succeeded by his Brother *Roger*, Father to another *Roger*, and Grandfather to *Thomas*, Father to this our *Ralph* and *John Ingoldby*, joint Purchasers of the Estate here; of whom I find that *Ralph* the eldest received a Commission from King *Henry VI.* Anno 1448, to provide Ships for the Defence of *Aquitain* in *France*, as in the Patents; and as to *John*, he was, Anno 1463, constituted a Baron of the *Exchequer*, which he voided either by Death or Cession, Anno 8 *Edward IV.* 1468.

Son to this *Ralph*, by *Agnes* his Wife, Daughter and Heiress of *William Berdwell* was *Richard*, who married — Daughter of *John Elmes*, and had Issue *Richard Ingoldby*, who took to Wife — Daughter of *John Greenway* of *Dynton*, Esq. and had by her a Son named *Francis*, who died 1579, and was buried (as appears by the Register) at *Buckingham*; his eldest Son and Successor was *Richard*, knighted at *Hitchinbrooke*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, October 22, 1617, by King *James I.* who about the same Year enclosed this Lordship, and made a Park. He died and was buried at *Buckingham*, August 28, 1635, and succeeded by *Richard Ingoldby*, his eldest Son and Heir, made a Knight, as seems to me, at the same Time, or soon after his Father had that Honour conferred upon him; he married *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *Oliver Cromwell*, Aunt to the Usurper *Oliver Cromwell*, and by her had a numerous Issue, viz. eight Sons and three Daughters; 1. *Francis*, born 1614; 2. *Richard*, born 1617; 3. *Oliver*, born 1619; 4. *John*, born 1621; 5. *Henry*, born 1622; 6. *George*, born 1623; 7. *Thomas*, born 1624; 8. *William*, born 1627. His Daughters were, 1. *Elizabeth*, born 1618; 2. *Anne*, born 1626, who was Wife to Sir *Edward Chalonier*; 3. *Mary*, born 1629. He, viz. Sir *Richard*, the Father died, and was buried at *Buckingham*, December 20, 1656<sup>b</sup>; as was *Elizabeth* his Lady (who survived him near ten Years) May 2, 1666. Of his Sons *Richard* the second was a gallant Officer in the Army; as were also *Henry* and *George* his fifth and sixth Sons, all which three were knighted, and *Henry* created a Baronet, on August 30, 1661, by the Title of *Henry Ingoldby* of *Leibenborough*, Esq. And *Richard* his second Son having purchased an Estate at *Waldridge* in the Parish of *Dynton* near *Aylesbury*, Anno 1651, settled there; and was, on his Death, Anno 1685, succeeded by *Richard* his eldest Son and Heir, Father of *Thomas Ingoldby*, Esq. (Grandson to Sir *Richard*) the present Possessor, Anno 1735, who hath served the Honourable Office of High Sheriff

\* "Sir *Richard Ingoldby* shewed, at the Visitation, an old Vellum Book, wherein it appeared "that they were of *Skinnard* and *Ingoldby* in *Lincolnshire*, before they came to *Lenborough* and "*Buckingham*." Visitation of *Bucks*, 1634, in the Herald's Office.

<sup>b</sup> Will of Sir *Richard Ingoldby*, the second of that Name, dated July 14, 1656, proved January 14 following, to be buried in *Buckingham* Church with his Ancestors; gives all his Goods and Chattels whatsoever, real and personal, to *Elizabeth* his dearly beloved Wife; and makes her his sole Executrix: No mention of any of his Children, or other Persons, in the Will, which is very short.

of the County, and been elected Member of Parliament for *Aylesbury*, as his Grandfather was from 1660 to the Time of his Death. As to *Francis Ingoldby*, the eldest Son of Sir *Richard*, who succeeded him in his Estate; he was returned Member of Parliament for *Buckingham* in the Years 1654, 1656, and 1658-9, in the Rump Parliaments; and living at *Lenborough* in too profuse a Manner; his Wife also, as it was reported, being extravagant and vain, they run out the Estate, and disparked the Park made by his Grandfather; and having deeply mortgaged it, they retired to *London*, about 1673, where he deceased *October 1, 1681*, being then a Pensioner in the *Charter-House*; to which he was admitted 1679: And his Children, whose Names were *Francis, Richard, Elizabeth, Anne, Lucy* and *Lettice*, were reduced to Poverty: What became afterwards of them and their Mother, whose Name was *Lettice*, and she the Daughter of *Crawley Norton* of *Offley*, in the County of *Hertford*, Esq. I have not been informed; after mortgaging the Estate, for all he could borrow upon the Credit of it, he made over the Equity of Redemption to Mr. *William Robinson* his Steward, who, for some Time, lived at *Lenborough*, and dying there, as I have been informed, was buried *February 19, 1696*, at *Wing* in this County, where he had also an Estate, and left some Charities, viz. an Annual Benefaction to cloathe two poor Men with Blue Coats. Soon after his Death, his Kinsman of both his Names, viz. *William Robinson*, of the City of *Westminster*, conveyed all his Right, Title, and Interest to Mr. *John Rogers*, of the County Town of *Buckingham*; who about the Time of this Purchase, served the Honourable Office of High Sheriff of this County; and was afterwards an Alderman and High Bailiff of the Corporation of *Buckingham*. This Gentleman having, *Anno 1704*, as is aforementioned, purchased the Titular Manor of *John Dormer*, of *Rowsham* in the County of *Oxford*, Esq. he afterwards, in the Year 1718, conveyed the said Manor, together with the greatest Part of the Lordship, to *Edward Gibbon*, Esq. as aforesaid.

The Purchaser of another Moiety or Part was one Mr. *Primate* of the City of *London*; and also another Part of the same was conveyed to the famous Physician of this Age, Dr. *Richard Mead* of *London*, who is the present Possessor thereof, *Anno 1735*. But the Manor and Capital Mansion House belonging to *Edward Gibbon*, Esq. Son to the first Purchaser, *Anno 1718*, hath been in good Part pulled down and made a Tenant's Dwelling.

Here are in this Hamlet about 14 Houses, which stand dispersedly in the Grounds, the Contents of which are about 1600 Acres. It is rated in all Assessments and Levies (as *Boretton* and *Gawcot* are) with the Town of *Buckingham*. Here are belonging to this Hamlet some Grounds called *Rowley-bills*, which anciently denominated one of the three Hundreds of *Buckingham*.

Notwithstanding the Extent of this Hamlet, I do not find that there was ever any Chapel erected in it.

I find mention of a Donation of 60 Acres of Wood in *Lenborough* to *Cbetwode Priory*, *Anno 15 Richard II. 1392*. These are still in the Occupation of the Owners or Lords of *Cbetwode Priory Manor*, viz. Mr. *Risley*.

And

And in the Fines, *Anno* 1202, 3d of King *John*, I find a Donation of Lands in *Litbingeberg* by *Philip Daumarti*, and *Lucy* his Wife, to *Redding Abby*; which, *Anno* 1291, were returned to be of the Value of 2 *l.* 17 *s.*

In the Pleas at *Westminster*, *de Term Pasch.* 34 *Henry III.* 1250, I find there was a Dispute between the Rector of *Edgecot* and the *Persona*, i. e. the Prebendary *de Buckingham*, about the Tithes and Offerings in the Village of *Ledingberge*; but it was adjudged in favour of the Prebendary of *Buckingham*; *et judicium* was returned to be *cum personâ de Buckingham*.

There being a large Vault in *Buckingham Church*, near the *East Wall* in the great *Cross Isle*, called by the Name of *Poulton's Isle*, belonging to the Capital House at *Lenborough*, the *Ingoldsbys* Family have been therein interred; but there are not the least Remains of any Inscription or Arms in the whole Church for any one Person of the Family. In this Vault is also deposited the aforesaid *John Rogers*, Esq. Alderman of *Buckingham*, who died 1727, but without any Memorial.

## G A W C O T,

That this was a Member of *Buckingham*, in the Time of *William the Conqueror*, we find by the following Return of it in *Doomsday-Book*.

*Terra Episcopi Lincolnienfis in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Ipse Episcopus Tenet Chavescote quae jacet in Ecclesia de Bochingham. Ibi est i Hida, Terra est i Carucate et Dimidium: Et ibi sunt, cum ii Bordariis, et uno Servo. Pratum Dimidium Caruc. valet et valuit xxx s. Tempore Regis Edwardi xl s.*

The Bishop of *Lincoln* holds *Chavescote*, which belongs or lies in the Tenure of the Church of *Bochingham*. It contains one Hide; the Arable is one Carucate and an Half; and there are two Copyholders, with one Servant, of Meadow Half a Carucate. It is and was worth 30 *s.* In King *Edward's* Time 40 *s.*

*Hanc Terram Tenuit Wulvi Episcopus.*

*Uluvi* Bishop (of *Dorchester*) held this Land.

And on *Buckingham's* being made Prebendal to *Lincoln* (as it was by Bishop *Remigius* on the first Foundation of that See) King *William II.* as may be seen in the *Monasticon*, Vol. iii. p. 259. confirmed to the Church of *Lincoln*, *Anno* 1090, *Ecclesiam de Buckingham, cum Terris et Decimis et unâ Carucata Terrae in Gavecota.*

And so it remained under the Church of *Lincoln* till *Edward VI.'s* Time, when this Prebend, viz. *Sutton cum Buckingham*, with all its Members, being (except *Massam*, in the Church of *York*) the best endowed of any in the Kingdom valued in the King's Books (as in the Valor made *Anno* 1534) at 123 *l.* in the whole, and at 110 *l.* 3 *s.* 6 *d.* clear Income; being surrendered by

by *Richard Cox*, the last Prebendary, on *July 16, 1547*, to King *Edward VI.* and becoming dissolved, and made a Lay Fee, was granted by that King to his Uncle *Edward Seymour*, Duke of *Somerset*; on whose Attainder, *An. 1551*, it reverting to the Crown, was, by Letters Patent, dated *September 28, 1553*, demised by Queen *Mary* to Sir *John Mason*, with all its Appurtenances, on Payment of a Rent of *11 l. 4 s.* and after his Death which happened *Anno 1566*, Queen *Elizabeth*, by her Letters Patent, dated *July 20, 1569*, on a like Rent of *11 l. 4 s.* demised it to *Henry Seymour*, called Lord *Henry Seymour*, for his Life; which Lease, the said Lord *Henry Seymour* surrendering to take a new one, *Anno 37 Elizabeth*, the Queen by Letters Patent, dated *March 21, 1595*, granted, as follows, to the said Lord *Henry Seymour*, *Anthony Wingfield*, Esq. and *Robert Johnson*, Gent. viz.

“ The Prebends of *Sutton* and *Buckingham*, *Horley* and *Hornton*, founded  
 “ in the Cathedral Church of *Lincoln*, and all Manors, Messuages, Tene-  
 “ ments, Meadows, Rents, Reversions, Courts, Profits, Herriots, Waifs,  
 “ Estrays, Felons Goods, Rectories, Vicarages, Chapels, Advowsons, and  
 “ all other Franchises in *Sutton*, *Buckingham*, *Hornton*, and *Horley*, belonging  
 “ to the said Prebends, for their Lives, *reddendo* for the whole *90 l. 2 s. 5 d.* and  
 “ *6 l. 13 s. 4 d.* for an Herriot on each of their dying in Possession, and to  
 “ pay yearly to the Dean and Chapter of the Church of *Lincoln* and their  
 “ Successors, *5 l. 13 s. 4 d.* and to the senior Vicars Choral, *2 l.* and to the  
 “ junior or minor Vicars *3 s. 4 d.* and *20 l.* for the Increase of the Stipends  
 “ of the Vicars of the Churches and Chapels belonging to the said Prebends;  
 “ to maintain a Preacher, as it shall seem fitting to the Bishop of the Dio-  
 “ cese, and to repair the Chancels of the Churches and Chapels.” When  
 this Lease was surrendered, and the Premises granted finally away by the  
 Crown, I have not seen. But, I presume, it was shortly after, and that on  
 Partition of the Prebendal Estate; this Part of it that lay in *Gawcot* and  
 elsewhere in the Parish of *Buckingham*, became the sole Property of *Robert  
 Johnson*, for *Anno 1599*, he presented to the Vicarage of *Buckingham* as ab-  
 solute Patron thereof. And *Anno 1601* appointed his Commissary and Official  
 to the peculiar Jurisdiction belonging to this Prebend here; and held his Courts,  
 as his Successors have done ever since, who nominate their respective Officers, it  
 being exempt from Archidiaconal, and only visitable by Episcopal Jurisdiction.

However he held this Estate not long; for in the Court-Book of this  
 Manor, which I have seen, the Leets of *Prebend-End cum Gawcot* Manor,  
 were holden by *Robert Brett*, *Anno 1612*; and next Year the same Courts  
 were kept in the Name of Sir *Thomas Denton*, the then Lord of this Pre-  
 bendal Estate: And in his worthy Family it remains at this Day, the Hon.  
*Alexander Denton*, Esq. one of the Justices of the Court of Common-Pleas,  
 being the present Lord hereof, and Patron of the Church of *Buckingham*.

In the Vill of *Gawcot*, which lies a long Mile *South-West* of the Town of  
*Buckingham*, are about 100 Houses: Here is said to have been formerly a  
 Chapel dedicated to St. *Catherine*, the Sunday after which Festival there is  
 still a Wake or Feast observed, and the Place where it stood is yet known by  
 the

the Name of *Chapel-Clofe*; and the Lane leading to it is called *Chapel-Lane*.

The Number of Acres in *Gawcot* Hamlet is about 500. It pays to all Assessments and Taxes with the Town of *Buckingham*, as a Member thereof; and there is no Quit-rents, as I learn, paid by, or issuing out of *Gawcot*, to any other Lord except to Mr. Justice *Denton*.

## C H A P. VI.

## Of FAMOUS MEN born in the PARISH.

**T**HAT there have been several illustrious Persons born in this Town and Parish, I make no Question: As so many Families of Eminence and Note have had their Seats in it: To say little of them that were possessed of the Capital Mansions of *Boreton* and *Lenborough* (where in my Remembrance great Hospitality has been kept) and limit myself more particularly to such who, as *Fuller* in his *Worsbies* remarks, took their Names and Nativities from this Town, A-LA-MODE OF THAT AGE; I meet with

*William de Buckingham*, a Baron of the *Exchequer* Anno 1199, in the first Year of King *John*; who, Anno 1202, was a Donor of Lands at *Hogshaw*, to the Knights Templars, as appears in the Fines: And about the same Time gave Lands to *Bruern* Abbey in *Oxfordshire*; laying an Obligation on that Convent to pay an Annual Pension of 5*l.* 6*d.* to *Bisleiden* Abbey; which Donation see printed in *Madox's Formulæ*, p. 77. And also in his *History of the Exchequer* we meet with.

*John Bokingham*, who Anno 1273, *Edward* I. held a considerable Office there. And in the next Reign we find mention of

*Thomas Buckingham*, Abbot of *Bisleiden* Anno 1324, of which Convent *Edward* II. borrowed 100*l.* as in *Rymer's Foedera*. And in the same Reign occurs another

*Thomas de Bokyngham*, who, as *Bale* and *Pitts* tell us, was a learned Writer; he was Anno 1325, made Fellow of *Merton-College*, *Oxon.* and afterwards, Doctor in Divinity, and Chancellor of *Exeter* Cathedral, and died about 1349, 23 *Edward* III. In which King's Time also flourished:

*William de Buckingham*, who occurs Canon of *Salisbury*, Anno 1351. And

*Henry de Buckingham*, Abbot of *Missenden*, Anno 1340. And

*William de Buckingham*, who, as we learn from *Speed*, founded a Monastery at *Winchelsea* in *Suffex*: To which King *Edward* was also a Benefactor. What remains of this Convent is represented in a Draught of it among *Nathanael Buck's* Prints of Religious Houses, I find also one of both his Names gave half an Hide of Land lying at *Strensham* in *Worcestershire*, to the Abby of *Teuxbury*. I likewise meet with one

*Henry de Buckingham*, who was a *Carmelite* Friar of *Yarmouth* Monastery in *Norfolk*; and a Writer, as in Bishop *Tanner's* *Folio Notitia Monastica*: Where is mention made of

*Gilbert*:



*Gilbert de Bukingham*, who, *Anno* 1347, 21 *Edward* III, procured a License to endow *St. Laurence's* Hospital in *Buckingham*, with Lands of the yearly Value of ten Marks, on Account that the Master and Brethren were grown so poor, that they could not maintain themselves; of which Complaint had been made ten Years before, viz. 1337, as is set forth in the Patents in King *Edward* the third's Reign: Which Prince *Anno* 1363 advanced

*John Buckingham*, Keeper of the Privy Seal, Archdeacon of *Northampton*, Rector of *Oney*, and Dean of *Lichfield*, to the Bishoprick of *Lincoln*; and at his Death appointed him one of his Executors.

He also promoted another of both his Names cotemporary with him to divers great Preferments, viz.

*John Buckingham*, one of his Chaplains, on whom he bestowed Prebends in the Cathedrals of *York*, *St. David's*, and *London*, and in the Colleges of *St. Stephen's Westminster*, *Abergvilly*, and *Bridgenorth*; and made Rector of the rich Rectory of *Harrow* in *Middlesex*; of which he died possessed, 1386, eleven Years before Bishop *Buckingham's* Death. But besides these, I might enumerate divers others of this Name: Particularly

*John Buckingham*, Prior of *Shene*, *Anno* 1443: But I shall praetermit them as not being Persons of Distinction.

And of the three Sir *Richard Ingoldbys*, born all of them at *Lenborough*, as appears by the Parish Register of *Buckingham*, I shall refer to the Lord *Clarendon's* History for an Account of the last of them, viz. Major General Sir *Richard Ingoldby*, who died 1685; and to other Authors, for some Account of his Brother Sir *Henry Ingoldby*, born also at *Lenborough*, and created a Baronet by that Title, *Anno* 1661, who also signalized himself in the Wars; and died *Anno* 1701, one of the oldest Officers in the Army. And

As to Sir *John Fleet*, who was Lord Mayor of *London*, *Anno* 1693, born at *Boreton*, and apprentised thence by *Charity*; I should pass him by as he was so destitute of *Gratitude*, as not to contribute the least Charity to his native Parish, in any of its greatest Exigencies.

Other Neglects might be instanced in, were it not invidious to descend to Particulars: The promoting the Traffick of the Town by establishing Manufactures; reviving the Dignity and Style of its Magistracy; and restoring and adding to its publick Edifices, would derive and confer Honour upon, and perpetuate the Memory of those who bear a more immediate Relation to, and receive daily Advantages from it.

And it would no less redound to the Glory of the Gentry of the Shire, to which it gives Name; if they also would unite in their Endeavours, to improve and adorn it in such a Manner, as to render it in all Respects fit to be esteemed *The CAPITAL of A COUNTY*.

## C H A P. VII.

*Of this Town sending BURGESSES to Parliament, with a List of their Names.*

**A**S to this Town's not being antiently represented in Parliament, the following Reason may be assigned, *viz.* That the Demesnes and Fee Farm Rent of it being vested in its Lords, They, through their Interest and Power, got it dispensed with; as it was not immediately held of the Crown, to which the Charge of having Burgesses, being Part of the Service due to the Royal Prerogative in Virtue of Tenure, was appendant.

And though this was a very antient Borough, and the only one in the whole County, *Anno* 1066, at the Time of the *Norman* Invasion, it is plain, that it never received any Summons to return Members to Parliament, before the End of *Henry VIII's* Reign; and though in *Edward III's* Time I find two Precepts issued to it; those Precepts were to send to the King's Councils in Matters relating to Trade, and not to his *Parliaments*: The first of these directed, *Anno* 11, *Ballivis Villae de Bokyngham*, being very strictly enjoined, they were obliged to comply with: And as it required them to send three or four *de probioribus et discretioribus Hominibus dictae Villae*, they accordingly returned these three Men, whose Names are entered on the Dorset of the Writ, *viz.* *Hugh Kynebell*, *Roger le Draper*, and *Henry de Selveston*. The second Precept, directed, *Anno* 27, *Majori et Ballivis de Bokyngham*, not being so strictly commanded, they found Meansto be dispensed with in the Execution thereof.

Nor did they ever receive any more, or any other further Summons, 'till the 36th of *Henry VIII.* when, and in *Edward VI's* Parliaments, several great Towns, that had got themselves exempted from the Burthen and Expence of having Burgesses in Parliament, were again called upon to return them; and also several of the dissolved Abby Towns, and other great trading Towns which had never as yet sent, had Writts issued to them to send Representatives to the King's Parliaments, as hath been shewn in Vol. i. of *Notitia Parliamentaria*; where is printed the above-mentioned Writ, *Anno* 11 *Edward III.* and Reference given to the Return *Anno* 1 *Edward VI.* which was executed by the Bailiff and eleven Burgesses; as also *Anno* 6 *Edward VI.* and *Anno* 1 *Mary*, also executed by the Bailiff and eleven Burgesses in all these three Parliaments preceding Queen *Mary's* Incorporation in the first Year of her Reign, which, seemingly from what had been accustomed in the three preceding Parliaments, limited the Choice of the Members to the Corporation only, *viz.* To the Bailiff and twelve capital Burgesses; which was also done in King *Charles II's* Charter, when the Title and Style of Bailiff and Burgesses was changed into that of A Mayor and twelve Aldermen.

The Names of hese Representatives in Parliament that have been accordingly elected and returned for this Town, are as follows:

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H E N R Y

## HENRY VIII.

1545. 36 P. at *West*. *John Josseline*, Esq. *Ralph Giffard*, Gent.

## EDWARD VI.

1547. 1 P. at *West*. *Henry Cary*, Esq. *John Josseline*, Esq.

1553. 7 P. at *West*. *Edward Chamberleyne*, Esq. *Francis Verney*, Esq.

## MARY.

1553. 1 P. at *West*. *William Walter*, Esq. *Edward Giffard*, Esq.  
— at *Oxford*. *Henry Cary*, Esq. *George Fettiplace*, Esq.

## PHILIP and MARY.

1554. 1 and 2 P. at *West*. *Henry Cary*, Esq. *George Fettiplace*, Esq.

1555. 2 and 3 ——— *Henry Cary*, Esq. *Hugh Minours*, Gent.

1557. 4 and 5 ——— *Bernard Brocas*, Esq. *John Higford*, Esq.

## ELIZABETH.

1559. 1 P. at *West*. *Robert Drury*, *William Risley*, Esqrs.

1563. 5 ——— *Robert Newdigate*, *Paul Wentworth*, Esqrs.

1571. 13 ——— *Robert Newdigate*, *Thomas Wenman*, Esqrs.

1572. 14 ——— *Henry Cary*, *Laurence Hollinsbed*, Esqrs.

1585. 27 ——— *Michael Harcourt*, Esq. *John Carye*, Esq.

1586. 28 ——— *John Fortescue*, *Christopher Edmunds*, Esqrs.

1589. 31 ——— *John Carye*, *Francis Fortescue*, Esqrs.

1592. 35 ——— *John Carye*, Esq. *Francis Fortescue*, Esq.

1597. 39 ——— *Edward Carye*, Esq. *Francis Fortescue*, Esq.

1601. 43 ——— *Christopher Hatton*, Esq. *Robert Newdigate*, Esq.

## JAMES I.

1603. 1 P. at *West*. *Thomas Denton*, Knt. *Edward Terrel*, Knt. deceased :  
In his Place, *Francis Goodwin*, Knt.

1614. 12 P. at *West*. *Thomas Denton*, Knt. *Thomas Teringham*.

1620. 18 ——— *Thomas Denton*, Knt. *Richard Oliver*, Esq.

1623. 21 ——— *Edmund Verney*, Knt. *Richard Oliver*, Esq.

## CHARLES I.

1625. 1 P. at *West*. *Alexander Denton*, Knt. *Richard Oliver*, Esq.

1625. 1 ——— *Alexander Denton*, Knt. *John Smith*, Knt.

1628. 3 ——— *Thomas Denton*, Knt. *Richard Oliver*, Esq.

1639. 15 ——— *Peter Temple*, Knt. and Bart. *Alexander Denton*, Knt.

1640. 16 ——— *Peter Temple*, Kt. and Bt. *Alex. Denton*, Kt. deceased :  
In his Place, *John Dormer*, Esq.

## CHARLES II.

1654. 6 P. at *West*. *Francis Ingoldsby*, Esq.

1658. 8 ——— *Francis Ingoldsby*, Esq.

1658-9. 11 ——— *Francis Ingoldsby*, Esq. *Richard Temple*, Bart.

1660. 12 ——— *Richard Temple*, Bart. *John Dormer*, Esq.

1661. 13 ——— *Richard Temple*, Bart. *William Smith*, Bart.

1678. 30 P. at *West*. *Edward Viscount Latimer, Richard Temple, Bart.*  
*Edward Viscount Latimer, } Double Return.*  
*Peter Terrill, Bart.*
1679. 31 ——— *Edward Viscount Latimer, Richard Temple, Bart. and*  
 Knt. of the *Bath*.
1680. 32 P. at *Oxford*, *Richard Temple, Baronet, and Knight of the Bath,*  
*Ralph Verney, Knt. and Bart.*

## JAMES II.

1684. 1 P. at *West*. *Richard Temple, Bart. and Knt. of the Bath,*  
*Ralph Verney, Knt. and Bart.*

## WILLIAM and MARY.

1689. 1 P. at *West*. *Richard Temple, Bart. and Knt. of the Bath,*  
*Ralph Verney, Knt. and Bart.*
1690. 2 ——— *Richard Temple, Bart. and Knt. of the Bath,*  
*Alexander Denton, Esq.*

## WILLIAM III.

1695. 7 P. at *West*. *Alexander Denton, Esq. Richard Temple, Bart. and*  
 Knt. of the *Bath*, deceased: In his Place,  
*Richard Temple, Bart.*
1698. 10 ——— *Richard Temple, Bart. Alexander Denton, Esq. deceased:*  
 In his Place, *Edmund Denton, Esq.*
1700. 12 P. at *West*. *Richard Temple, Bart. Edmund Denton, Bart.*
1701. 13 ——— *Richard Temple, Bart. Edmund Denton, Bart.*

## ANNE.

1702. 1 P. at *West*. *Edmund Denton, Bart. Roger Price, of Westbury, Esq.*
1705. 4 ——— *Edmund Denton, Bart. Richard Temple, Bart. made his*  
 Election for the County of *Bucks*: In his Place,  
*Browne Willis, Esq.*
1708. 7 ——— *Richard Temple, Bart. Alexander Denton, Esq. Recorder.*
1710. 9 ——— *Richard Temple, Bart. Thomas Chapman, Esq.*
1713. 12 ——— *John Radcliffe, M. D. Thomas Chapman, Esq.*

## GEORGE I.

1715. 1 P. at *West*. *Alexander Denton, Esq. Recorder, Abraham Stanyan, Esq.*  
 made Ambassador to the *Ottoman* Port: In his Place,  
*Edmund Halscy, Esq.*
1722. 8 ——— *Richard Greenville, Esq. deceased: In his Place,*  
 Hon. *John Fane, Esq.*

*Alexander Denton, Esq. Recorder, made one of the*  
 Justices of the Court of *Common Pleas*: In his Place as Burgefs,  
*William Heatbcoate, Esq. And as Recorder, William Lee,*  
 Esq. the present Lord Chief Justice of *England*; whose eminent Character in the highest Station will redound more to the Honour of the Town by his Acceptance of this Office, than any other Title it has conferred.

## GEORGE II.

1727. 1 P. at *West*. Hon. *John Fane*, Esq. *Thomas Lewis*, Esq. made his Election for the City of *Salisbury*: In his Place, *George Chamberlain*, Esq.
1734. 8 ——— *Richard Greenville*, Esq. *George Chamberlain*, Esq.
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## C H A P. VIII.

## Of RELIGIOUS FOUNDATIONS, CHANTRIES, HOSPITALS, etc.

IN the Augmentation-Office we meet with this Survey of Estates here belonging to Religious Foundations, as the same were then returned  
 2 *Edward VI*, 1548, viz.

“ The Fraternity of *St. Trinity* in the Town of *Buckingham*, *Valoris per Annum clare* 17 *l.* 3 *s.* 7 *d.* The Incumbents are *John Temys* and *William Godfrey*, Clerks, aged 60 Years, who have yearly of the said Fraternity each of them for their Stipends 6 *l.* and have no other Living but this.”

“ *Memorandum*: There is paid yearly out of the said Fraternity unto two Parish-Clerks there for their Wages, viz. to either of them 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and to poor Folks every Year on *Good-Friday* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*”

“ Here is a Chantry called *Barton's Chantry*, in the said Town, worth *per Annum clare*, 6 *l.* Sir *Miles Ellis*, Clerk, Incumbent, aged 60 Years, and hath yearly out of *Gabriel Fowler's* Lands there *per Annum* 6 *l.* and hath no other Living but this, and is decrepit and lame.”

In the Augmentation-Office there is also this other Return out of the Chantry Rolls, under the Title of *The Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, in the Borough Town of Buck* “ The Brotherhood of the *Trinity* and *Our Lady*, within the Town of *Buckingham*, founded to the good Intent to find two Priests, one of them to sing *Mass* for the good Estate of King *Henry VI*, and Queen *Margaret*, and for their Souls; and for the Souls of the Brothers and Sisters of the said Fraternity; and the other doth help to minister Sacraments and Sacramentals in the said Parish.

“ The Brotherhood, or Guild, is founded in the said Town of *Buckingham*, where there is 700 Housling People; and the said Priests do help the Vicar to minister Sacraments and Sacramentals.

“ The said Fraternity, or Brotherhood, is of the yearly Value of 21 *l.* 7 *s.* 3 *d.* whereof is paid in Rents resolute to divers Bailiffs, 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to the King's Majesty for Tenths 12 *s.* and so remaineth to the Wardens of the said Brotherhood for the customary Payments yearly, viz. for two Priests Wages 12 *l.* for the Clerks of the Parish Church there 20 *s.* to four Wardens and their Clerks 33 *s.* 4 *d.* for the keeping of divers Obits 25 *s.* for Alms to the Poor 13 *s.* 4 *d.* for Reparations 70 *s.* 3 *d.* in the whole 20 *l.* 1 *s.* 11 *d.*

“ There

“ There appertaineth to the said Fraternity neither Goods, Chattels, Ornaments, or Jewels, as appeareth by the Certificate of the said Wardens.

“ There hath been no Dissolution Purchase, or obtaining any Part or Parcel of the said Possessions sithe the 4th *February*, in the 27th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *Henry VIII's* Majesty, saving that there was wont to be given to the said Fraternity 4 *l.* or 5 *l.* yearly for the Brotherhoods belonging to the same, and now there will be no such Sums obtained.

“ *Barton's* Chantry, founded to the Intent to find a Priest to sing *Mafs* for the Souls of *John Barton* the Elder; and also to find six poor Men and Women to pray for the said *John* his Soul. Every one of the said to have 4 *d.* the Week, and to keep an Obit there, three Tapers of six Pound of Wax, also to find a Torch, Wine, and Wax yearly.

“ The said Fraternity is founded within the said Parish Church, and the Number of Houssing People is before declared.

“ The Revenue of the said Chantry, which were given to one *William Fowler*, and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, to the Intent aforementioned, is worth yearly (with the Remainder thereof to the said Heirs) 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 1 *d.* whereof paid yearly to the Bailiff of *Bucks* 29 *s.* to the King's Majesty for Tenths 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and so remaineth to the aforesaid Heirs for the accustomable Payments of the same yearly Obit there kept 10 *s.* for Torch, Wine, and Wax at the Altar, there spent 7 *s.* in the whole, with 12 *s.* 9 *d.* with the Remainder thereof to the said Heirs Use, 24 *l.* 18 *s.* 1 *d.* The Ornaments appertaining to this Chantry be worth, as doth more plainly appear by the Inventory thereof made, 10 *s.* And there is a Chalice Silver and gilt, pertaining to the said Chantry, weighing, as appeareth by the said Inventory, 15 Ounces; all which remain in the Hands of *Sir Miles Ellis*, now Incumbent there.”

(This *Miles Ellis* was buried at *Buckingham* Anno 1563, *March* 24.)

“ Also there is one other Chantry in *Buckingham* aforesaid of *St. John the Baptist*, and *Thomas* of *Acon*, called *Matthew Stratton's* Chantry. The Revenue thereof is lxix Shillings; and *Thomas Hawkins* is Incumbent there, and hath yearly the Profit thereof for his Salary, over and besides 37 *s.* 4 *d.* which he receiveth yearly of — by Reason of the late House of *St. Thomas Acon* in *Westcheap*, *London*, as it is said: the Ornaments thereof be said to be worth 2 *l.* 8 *s.* 4 *d.* Also there is a Chalice with an Image of *Christ*, the Foot gilt, weighing 12 Ounces.

“ There never was any Dissolution or Purchase of any Part of the said Possessions or Goods of the said Chantry, sithe the 4th of *February*, in the 27th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty aforesaid.”

An Account of a GILD at *Buckingham*, from *Rot. Pat.* Anno 28 *Henry VI.* 1450, p. 1.

*Parochiani Ecclesiae Sanctorum Petri et Pauli de Bokingham, a non medico tempore propriis sumptibus sustentarunt quandam pauperem Fraternitatem, ob specialam*

*specialem devotionem quam habent ad gloriosum Christi Confessorem S. Romwaldum, cujus Corpus in Ecclesiâ prædictâ translatus fuit: et animadvertentes dictam Fraternitatem non esse ritè et legitime fundatam, supplicarunt Regi quatenus velit eorum piis Intentionibus confovere. Rex consentis, et quandam Fraternitatem, sive Gildam, de quatuor Custodibus et Fratribus, et Sororibus de præfatis Parochianis in eadem Ecclesiâ de novo fecit et fundavit, nuncupatam Fraternitatem S. Trinitatis, Sanctæ Mariæ, et Sancti Romwaldi de Buckingham. Dies annuus Electionis fit Dies Dominicus prox' post Festum Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis. Dat. 12 Nov.*

Of *St. Laurence's Hospital* in this Town, all that I find is, that *Anno 5 Edward II. John Dalderby, Bishop of Lincoln*, granted on *May 15, 1312*, an Indulgence of 20 Days to the Lepers of *St. Laurence's Hospital* in *Buckingham*.

And that *Anno 10 Edward III, 1337*, as in the *Patents*, there was a Complaint made, that the Master and Brethren of *St. Laurence's Hospital* in *Buckingham* could not live on their Allowance. Wherefore,

As it appears by the *Patents*, *21 Edward III, 1347*, that King granted License to *Gilbert de Buckingham*, as is aforementioned Page 40, that he might give Lands, Tenements, and Rents, in the Town of *Buckingham*, of the yearly Value of 10 Marks, to a certain Chaplain to celebrate Divine Service, for the good Estate of the King, and the said *Gilbert*, for ever; dated *January 21*.

I presume, the small Estate of this Hospital being in the Crown, *Queen Elizabeth*, in the 40th Year of her Reign, founded with it the present Hospital called *Christ's Hospital*, of which an Account is given among the Charities belonging to this Town in Chapter XV.

## CH A P. IX.

### *Of LANDS and TENEMENTS bere given to MONASTERIES.*

**B**ESIDES the Chantries, Fraternities, and Hospitals in this Town, these other Religious Houses had Lands and Tenements here, viz.

#### L U F F I E L D.

I find, in the Register of the Priory of *Luffield*, that *William de Solare*, and *Robert* his Son, and *Roger* Son of *Walter de Solare*, granted to the Priory of *Luffield*, two Tenements of the Value of 2 s. 6 d. as did *Robert de Moreton* and *Catherine* his Wife, a Rent of 6 d. out of a Messuage there. *Adam de May* also gave them 12 d. out of a House here. And *Peter de Molendino*, i. e. *Miller*, gave them a Rent of 6 d. out of his House. And *Reginald de Hales* and *Oliwa* his Wife, gave them a Rent of 4 d. These Donations were confirmed for the most Part in *Edward I's* Time; and one of them is witnessed by *William Janitor de Buckingham*, who probably was Porter of *Buckingham Castle*. These Rents in *Buckingham*, *Anno 17 Edward I, 1289*, were returned to amount to 7 s. 6 d.

#### B I T L E S D E N.

## BITLES DEN.

*William de Breose*, Lord of *Buckingham* and *Boreton*, confirmed the Gift of *Thomas de Dadford*, of Lands in *Boreton* to *Bittlefden* Abby, about the 36th of *Henry III*, 1252, as I find in the Chartularies of *Bittlefden*.

## O S E N E Y.

*John de Breose* Son to *William*, re-leased to *Oseney* Abby his View of Frank-pledge in his Manor of *Boreton*, Anno 1 *Edward III*. 1327.

## R E A D I N G.

In the *Fines* N<sup>o</sup> 40, Anno 3 *Johannis* 1203, *Philip Daumarti* and *Lucy* his Wife, granted Lands in *Litbingebury*, [i. e. *Lenborough*,] to *Reading* Abby in *Berkshire*; which I find were, Anno 1291, returned to be of the Value of 2*l*. 17*s*. per Annum, as mentioned p. 37.

## C H E T W O O D.

In the *Eschaet Bundles*, 15 *Richard II*. Anno 1392, we find that *John Cbetwood* Chevalier, died seized of 60 Acres of Wood in *Letbenburgh*, which he held of the Priory of *Cbetwood*.

## N E W I N T O N - L O N G U E V I L L E.

In the *Monasticon*, Vol. iii. p. 111. as afore observed, we find that *Walter Giffard*, the second Earl of *Buckingham*, gave to the Convent of *Newinton*, the Tithes of his Demesnes in *Buckingham* and *Boreton*, about 1160.

## COLLECTIONS out of the PATENT ROLLS.

Anno 4 *Henry VIII*, 1513, A Demise to *William Tyler* of 2*s*. Rent in *Buckingham* belonging to *Luffield* Priory.

Anno 3 *Edward VI*, 1549, Grant to *William Sawle*, and *William Bridges*, inter alia of a Messuage and Tenement in *Buckingham Market-street*, late Parcel of the Fraternity of *St. Trinity*, and 13 Acres in *Boreton* Fields; and a Messuage and Close in *Buckingham*, late belonging to the said Fraternity; and a Cottage and Garden given to the Maintenance of an Anniversary in *Buckingham* Church, and an Acre in *Boreton*, given to the same Use; and a Messuage in *Well-street*, given to the late *St. Trinity* Fraternity. Teste August 24.

Pat. 4, *Edward VI*, 1550, Grant to *Richard Heyborne*, and *William Dalbye*, of a Messuage in *Bucks*, and two Cottages and Half an Acre of Land belonging to the *Trinity* Fraternity, and two Roods of Land in *Gawcot* Fields, given to the Maintenance of a Light in *Buckingham* Church. Teste the 3d of June.

1 *Mary*, 1553, Grant to *Thomas Reeve*, and *Giles Isham*, of a Chapel in *Bucks*, with its Appurtenances, formerly belonging to the late College of *St. Thomas of Acon*.

1 *Mary*



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1 *Mary*, Pat. 11, 1553, Demise to *Robert Eaton* for Life of three Tenements in *Buckingham* belonging to the late College of *Acon*, *Teste Nov. 20.*

2 *Mary*, 1554, Grant to *Peter Temple*, of a Messuage and Garden in *Buckingham*, and a Messuage called *Mean-House* there, belonging to the *Trinity Fraternity*.

9 *Elizabeth*, 1568, Demise to Sir *Thomas Newnham*, after the Expiration of *Robert Eaton's* Lease for 21 Years, of a Grove called *Hermit's Grove* in *Westbury*, and three Tenements in *Buckingham*, Parcel of *St. Thomas Acon's* College. *Teste Nov. 20.*

27 *Elizabeth*, 1585, Demise of *Hermit's Grove* in *Westbury*, to *Edward Dyer*, for 60 Years.

32 *Elizabeth*, 1590, Grant to *William Tipper*, and *Robert Dawe*, of Land and Tenements in *Buckingham*, belonging to *St. Thomas Acon's* Chapel. *Teste January 14.*

33 *Elizabeth*, 1591, Grant to *Edmund Downing*, and *Roger Rant*, in Reversion, of Lands in *Buckingham*, in former Leases made to *Robert Eaton*. *Teste March 18.*

Pat. 5. *James I*, 1607, The King grants to Sir *William Herricke*, and *Arthur Ingram*, *inter alia* a Messuage in the *East-street* in the Town of *Buckingham*, in the Occupation of *Robert Mitchel*; a Close adjoining containing one Rood in the Occupation of the said *Robert*; a Messuage, Cottage, and one Rood and Half of Land there in *West-street*, in the Occupation of *William Carye*; a Messuage (Garden, and two Roods in *East-street*) now divided into two Cottages, in the several Occupations of *John Palmer*, and *Giles Mathewe*; a Cottage in *West-street*, in the Occupation of *Christopher Chapman*; a Cottage in *Castle-street*, in the Occupation of *Richard Griffith*; a Cottage there in the Occupation of *Thomas Rawnse*; a Shop in *West-street*, in the Occupation of *Thomas Rawnse*; two Cottages in *Rombald's-lane*, in the Occupation of *James Hunt*; a Cottage in *Prebend-end*, in the Occupation of *William Jents*; all which Premises did belong to the Fraternity of the *Holy Trinity* in the Town of *Buckingham* in the County of *Bucks*, *habend' in Fee reddendo 35 s. 4 d.* *Teste 1 June.*

## CHAP. X.

### *Of the TOWN in general, its CASTLE, and Capital House of BARTON, FOWLER, and LAMBARD.*

THAT this was a rich and flourishing Town in King *Edward the Third's* Reign, seems unquestionable from that Prince's fixing one of his Staples or Marts for Wool here. And that after the Removal of these Staples to *Calais* in *France*, several of the *English* Towns fell to such Decay, that their Fee-Farm Rents to the Crown were in one Century reduced, and abated to considerably less than Half their ancient Payments, may be seen in *Madox's* excellent History entitled *Finnæ Lærgi*, printed in Folio, 1726.

And that this Town in particular, after *Henry VII's* Reign (who *Anno Regni* 11, 1496, enacted and ordained, its having the keeping of the Weights and Measures of this Shire, among the rest of the County Towns) fell to further Decay, appears from the Statute made *Anno* 1535, 27 *Henry VIII*, which includes and enumerates it among other decayed Cities and Towns, for whose Relief and Benefit an Act was then made and obtained. However, it seems not to have been at that Time divested of its Goal; for about the Year 1545, as we are told in the *Peerage of England*, in the Account of the Earl of *Pomfret's* Family, that his Ancestor *Richard Fermour*, of *Easton Neston* in *Northamptonshire*, Esq. had his Estate seized on and taken away from him upon his having incurred a *Praemunire*, by relieving one *Nicholas Thane*, an obnoxious *Papish* Priest, who had been committed a close Prisoner to the Goal in the Town of *Buckingham*.

And as there never was a regular Goal at *Aylesbury*, 'till the same was established there by Act of Parliament made about the Year 1730 (when the House which had been for so many Years hired and rented for that Purpose, being purchased and rebuilt by the County, was made a perpetual one) we may hence undoubtedly conclude, that the Castle in this Town was the antient Place of Commitment of Malefactors within this Shire; as hath been most elegantly argued and made appear by a very learned Member of this Corporation\*, whose Authority may be further strengthened and confirmed by Instances of many Castles now remaining in Towns denominating Counties, and likewise in other Shire Towns, by being the present Receptacles for Prisoners and Felons within their respective Shires; as at *Cambridge*, *Chester*, *Durham*, *Gloucester*, *Lancaster*, *Lincoln*, *Oxford*, *Worcester*, *Tork*, and also at *Launceston*, *Exeter*, *Norwich*, *Newcastle upon Tyne*, and *Sbrewsbury*, within which Castles or their Precincts those County Goals are situate; as no doubt they were within the Castles of *Bedford*, *Hereford*, *Leicester*, *Northampton*, etc. while they were kept up.

And though several of these Castles had been antiently the King's Castles, yet when the Crown had given them up, and appropriated them to the Uses of the County, and they became the *Prisonae Regis*, and were delivered or turned over to the Sheriffs; no future Constables were appointed to have the Custody of them; but they were altogether vested in the Sheriffs: And an Act was made *Anno* 13 *Richard II.* 1390, to sever them from the Cities and Towns wherein they stood and to join them to their Counties.

When this Castle was thus assigned and put into the Sheriffs Hands I have not been able to discover; nor can I meet with the Names of any of its Constables; except that I find one *Elias de Camvill*, so stiled about 1280, *Tempore Eduardi I.* Nor do any of our Histories inform us when it was built; or how, or when it was suffered to go to Ruin; nor is there any Notice of it in *Doomsday-Book*. Wherefore it may be presumed to have been erected by *Walter Gifford*, the first Earl of *Buckingham*; and to have been built on the Fortress raised by King *Edward the Elder*, *Anno* 918, and made by the said

\* See the *Magazines*, and other printed Accounts, *Anno* 1748.

Earl *Walter* the Capital of his Barony within this Town. It being observed, by the learned Mr. *Madox*, in his accurate Account of Land Honours and Baronies, and Tenures in *Capite*, that Castles in Towns were deemed the Head of Baronies; and that they were in their Nature *Baronial* and *Superior*, and the Towns themselves *Burgensic* and *Inferior*, as he instances in *Wallingford* and *Richmond* Castles, both which are now for the most Part demolished and in private Hands, as well as this our Castle of *Buckingham*; which, as I conceive, became quite neglected on the Attainder of the last Duke of *Buckingham* of the Name of *Stafford*, Anno 1521, 13 *Henry VIII*, and that by Degrees it became reduced to a Farm-House.

For in the Letters Patent, Anno 16 *Elizabeth*, 1574, I find the following Grant of it on *January* 26, "wherein the Queen grants to *Edward Grimston*, "senior, and *Edward Grimston*, junior, the Castle Farm in *Buckingham*, and "two Mills called *Castle Mills*, and four Acres of Meadow called the *Milne* "Home, and the River called *Buckingham River*, and 20 Messuages and "Cottages to the same adjoining; all which Premises were lately Parcel of "the Possessions of *Edward* late Duke of *Buckingham*, attainted."

From *Grimston* these Demesnes became conveyed to the Family of *Lambard*. For I find *William Lambard* returned, Anno 1632, to have died seized of the *Castle House* in *Buckingham*; and so it came by Marriage to the Family of *Bagot*, who alienated their Estates here, about the Year 1626. 67

This Part of it is now, Anno 1735, the Property of the Family of *Bridges*, by Purchase from *John Rogers*, Esq. who divided it from the other Part of the Estate of the *Bagots*, which he and his Father bought Anno 1680.

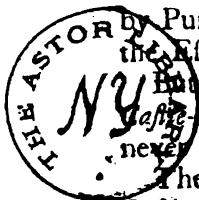
But many of the Houses, to the Number of 14 at least, lying about the *Castle-Hill*, having been burnt down in the dreadful Fire, Anno 1725, have never been since rebuilt.

There was, about the Year 1670, a famous *Bowling-Green* made on the *Castle-Hill* by Mr. *Henry Robinson*; who also set up a Stage-Coach to go from this Town to *London*; and built a large Room for the Entertainment of the Gentlemen of the County called *Trolley-Hall*, which the Duke of *Buckingham*, *George Villiers*, when at his Seat at *Whaddon*, often honoured with his Presence.

And on the Site of this Castle, as I have heard, have been holden the Assizes for the County of *Buckingham*, in Booths erected for that Purpose; and the Poll for Knights of the Shire was here said to have been taken on Adjournment of the Election from *Aylesbury*, in the Year 1679, when *Thomas Egerley* Esq. Lord of the Manor of *Water-Stratford*, was Sheriff.

All that now remains of the Castle, Anno 1735, is a dark Room or two on the North Corner of the Hill, next *Castle-Street*, inhabited by poor People, which overlooks the Town, and is seen above the rest of the Houses; which Part, as I conceive, was left standing because it had been antiently used as a Chapel to the Prison, it being called the *Chapel-End*.

And if on this Spot, the Lord *Cobham* had erected some of his grand Edifices, they would have contributed much more to the Ornament and Beauty



Beauty of his Seat, and the Country about it, than they do where several of them now stand; as well as have been a perpetual Memorial of his Lordship's Gratitude and Affection to this Town and County; and would also have terminated divers Views and Prospects from his other Buildings, with greater Advantage and Magnificence, than any other Plan or Design that he can execute in or about his Park or Gardens.

Having thus spoken of the Castle, I come now to exhibit some Account of the Capital House of *Fowler and Lambard*.

This having been the Seat of *John Barton*, senior, who was, *Tempore Richard II.*, and *Henry IV.*, one of the Knights of this Shire in Parliament; was, with six Acres of Land lying contiguous to it, with his other Estates, charged with the Payment of an annual Stipend of 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to a Priest who was to celebrate daily *Mass* at his Chantry founded within the Church of this Town. And under Performance of these Conditions, and some other Services, it was bequeathed in his last Will and Testament (bearing Date *June 5, 1431*) to his Brother *John Barton*, junior, and to his Sisters *Margaret* and *Isabel*, with Remainder to his other Kin, as is set forth in his said Will here given; which devise centering in the Family of *Fowler*, became in less than 20 Years after his the said Testator's Death, the Demesnes of *William Fowler*, who having seated himself in this Capital Messuage belonging to *Barton*, and deceasing *July 6, 1452, 30 Henry VI.*, was succeeded by *Richard Fowler* his Son and Heir; who, *Anno 1467*, represented this County in Parliament; and being in great Favour with King *Edward IV.*, was by him made Chancellor of the Dutchy of *Lancaster*; and having the Manor of this Town granted him about the Year 1465, on the Duke of *Buckingham's* Attainder; he, by *Barton's* Example, bestowed much on this Church; and rebuilt the great *South Cross Isle*, still called by his Name; and new made *St. Rumbald's* Shrine, and did other Works of Charity, as may be seen in his Will exhibited in the next Chapter; and dying *November 3, 1477*, was buried in this Church, and succeeded by *Edward Fowler* his Son and Heir; who being a Gentleman of great Property (as seems to me) entertained and lodged at this his Capital House, *Catherine*, King *Henry VIII's* first Queen. For as we are told in *Grafton's Chronicle*, p. 1004, she being at *Buckingham*, an Account was sent her thither by the King's General, the Earl of *Surrey*, of his defeating the *Scotch* Army in Battle at *Flodden Field*, and slaying their King *James IV.*, on *September 9, 1514*; Part of whose Armour he sent her to this Place, for which she returned Thanks to God, and went a Pilgrimage to *Walsingham* in *Norfolk*. Which *Edward Fowler* departing this Life, *May 27, 1541, 32 Henry VIII.*, was succeeded by *Gabriel Fowler* his Son and Heir, who dying *May 1, 1576, 18 Elizabeth*, was succeeded by *Richard Fowler* his Son and Heir, who having conveyed this Capital Messuage with six Acres of Land to *Francis* and *Edward Dayrel*, Gents. and they, after three Months Possession, selling their Right, Title, and Interest therein, on *June 18, 1592* following, to Mr. *John Lambard*, or *Lambert*; a Law Suit was afterwards commenced, and an Ejectment brought against Mr. *Lambard* by one *Theophilus Adams*, who claimed the Estate, as couched under a Grant

made by the Crown, of Lands given to superstitious Uses. Whereupon a long Trial ensued, which is printed at large in the fourth Part of the Lord Chief Justice *Coke's Reports*; wherein the whole Proceedings are set forth in 21 Folio's in the last Edition, *Anno 1727*. And a Verdict being obtained in Favour of *Adams*, *Anno 1603*, Mr. *Lambard* having *Anno 1607* compromised the Matter in Dispute between them, and bought out *Adams's* Claim, died in the Possession of the Premises, *Anno 1611*, and was succeeded by his Son and Heir *William Lambard*; who, settling in this Capital House, expended a good deal of Money in the Repairs thereof, as may be seen by the Initial Letters of his Name and Arms, yet remaining over the Chimney of the great Parlour, and this Date, viz. 1617; and also other Dates from 1617 to 1624, in divers Parts of the House. He also, *Anno 1623*, made a Conduit, and brought Water in Pipes into the Offices of the House. On the Leaden Pipes of which was W & M L, *Anno 1619*; and also on the Conduit still remains w<sup>L</sup> M viz. *William and Mary*



*Lambard*, on a Stone cut as here represented. And as the Inquisition taken after his Death, *August 2, 1632 Anno 8 Charles I*, sets forth, "died *August 9, 1626*, seized of a " Messuage called *The Castle-House*, and Lands in *Buckingham* and *Gawcot*, and the Manor of *Stockbolt Barns*, " and 370 Acres of Land lying in *Stockbolt*, *Akeley*, and *Lillingstone-Dayrel*, " holden of *New College*, and a Wood called *Three Slades*, and 170 Acres " in *Maids-Morton*. And that by *Mary* his Wife, Sister of *Francis Crawley*, one of the King's Justices (who re-married *Sir Edward Richardson*) " he had Issue a Son named *John*, who died an Infant; and a Daughter " named *Mary*, of the Age of thirteen Years, six Months, and six Days." Who being Heir to the abovesaid Estate, brought it in Marriage to her Husband *Edward Bagot*, Esq. eldest Son and Heir to *Sir Harvey Bagot*, of *Blithfield* in *Staffordshire*, Bart. which very antient Family, as appears by the Pedigree, being Progenitors to the *Staffords* Dukes of *Buckingham*, may be said to bear an hereditary Relation to this Town, which it is to be hoped will ever be patronized by their latest Posterity; especially by the worthy Baronet Families of the *Bagots*, *Chesters*, and *Newdigates*; who we hope will never be wanting in shewing their utmost Regard to it, on Account of their said paternal Descent, as well as maternal Ancestor, their illustrious Great-Grandmother; of whom see a Character in the *Baronetage of England*, Vol. ii. p. 55. where we are told, that *Sir Edward Bagot*, Bart. by *Mary his Wife*, Daughter of *William Lambard of the Town of Bucks, Esq. High Bailiff of that antient Corporation*, had Issue twelve Sons and five Daughters, of whom *Walter*, the eldest, succeeded to the Title; and *Lambard*, the second surviving Son, who was of *Maids-Morton*, and died 1702, founded an Hospital for six poor Men, at *Abbats Bromley* in *Staffordshire*; and set up a Monument in *Blithfield Church* for his most deserving Mother; who, dying *October 22, 1686*, aged 67, bequeathed 100*l.* to purchase Lands to cloathe annually four poor Widows of this her native Town of *Buckingham*, which was applied pursuant to her Will, and they now enjoy the Benefit of this her Charity;

Charity; notwithstanding she and her Husband, Sir *Edward Bagot*, had *Anno 1657*, alienated this their Capital House and Lands here, and sold the same to Mr. *Stephen Monteage*, a Citizen of *London* and *Joan* his Wife, who for some Time resided here. But about three or four Years after removed again to *London*; and in the Year 1680, sold this Capital Mansion to Mr. *John Rogers*, senior; *John Rogers*, junior, his Son, joining also in the Purchase; who, about the Year 1706, having settled this Capital House on his Son *Matthias Rogers*, the present Possessor, *Anno 1735*. He new fronted it *Anno 1708*, and hath so well fitted up the Apartments, and so neatly and elegantly furnished them, that the Judges, on leaving their Quarters, at Mr. *Mason's*, the Recorder's House, and lodging here on their Circuits, have acknowledged, that they are in no Shire Town whatsoever better or more conveniently lodged and accommodated.

As this Town has been ever remarkable for its Orthodoxy and strict Attachment to the Principles of the Constitution both in Church and State, so here King *Charles I.* found an Asylum, and took up his Quarters, while the neighbouring Towns of *Aylesbury*, *Newport-Pagnel*, etc. were garrisoned against him. The Room where his Majesty lay in the Capital House here, is yet known by the Name of *The King's Chamber* <sup>b</sup>.

Queen *Elizabeth* is also reported to have lodged at this Town.

And when the County Business is transacted here, the whole County has confessed, that the Reception they meet with in the Article of Provision, as well as in civil and obliging Usage, is not exceeded in any other of the Towns; there being no Place in the County that abounds with more courteous Shopkeepers, and ingenious Artificers.

Neither will it, we hope, be forgotten by that munificent Body the *University of Oxford*, that their most generous Benefactor and Patron, the famous Physician Dr. *John Radcliff*, was, the only Time he sat in Parliament, elected Burgess for this Town, and continued one of their Representatives to the Time of his Death: So that if it should be thought proper to give any of his yet undisposed-of great Charities to any other Place besides *Oxford*, it is to be wished, that this Town may be thought of, as a fit Place to preserve a perpetual Memorial of his Benefactions; as the same can be nowhere bestowed, where they will be more thankfully received, more gratefully acknowledged, nor more faithfully applied to the Uses to which they shall be assigned and given.

<sup>b</sup> In *Osborne's Tracts*, Vol. ii. p. 292. is this printed Account of the King's Journey, viz. On *Saturday, June 22, 1644*, the King came to *Buckingham* to Sir *Thomas Richardson's*, from Sir *Thomas Coghill's* House, at *Blebbington*; went *Wednesday, June 26*, to *Brackley*, to the College there, and stayed only one Day; went thence to *Dedington*, to the Parsonage, and thence to *Mareton Hanmarsh*.

## C H A P. XI.

Of TESTAMENTARY BEQUESTS of PERSONS, and of  
several of their BURIALS here.

*Extracted out of WILLS in the Prerogative-Office.*

**I**N *Registro*, March, Fol. 546, *John Frome* wills, November 18, 1404, to be buried in the Church of *St. Andrew's* at *Sunning* in *Berkshire*; gives 20 s. to the Mother Church of *Salisbury*, 40 s. to the Church of *Winterborne Cam.* and 20 s. to *Horton* Church, and 10 s. to *Knowlton* Church, all in *Dorsetshire*; 20 s. to *Castle-Milbridge* Church *de Buckingham*, 20 s. to *Wellend* Church *de Bucks*; to the Hermits of *Bucks* 4 d. each; 100 s. to his native Tenants of *Boreton*. Executors *William Filliol*, and *Richard Frome*, his Brother.

*N. B.* His Wife was Daughter and Coheirefs of *Bernard Missenden*, which *Bernard*, as may be seen in the *Monasticon*, Vol. i. p. 542, died at *Buckingham*, and was buried in the *South Isle* of *Buckingham* Church near the Wall.

*In Registro Luffenbam*, Fol. 108.

“**J**OH<sup>N</sup> BARTON, senior, Will dated June 5, 1431, Anno 9 Henry VI, in which he appointed to be buried in *St. Peter's* Church in *Buckingham*, in *St. Rumbald's* Isle, and a Marble to be laid over him; bequeaths 40 s. to the Fabrick of the Nave of the Church for his Sepulture. Gives 16 l. 13 s. 4 d. for 4000 Masses to be said immediately after his Death for his Soul; and 6 s. 8 d. to a Person to see them faithfully and speedily performed. And bequeaths the following Legacies to the underwritten Religious, to celebrate Mass for his Soul, and the Souls of his Father and Mother, Benefactors and Friends, and all the Souls of the Faithful departed, viz. To the Master and Brethren of the Hospital of *St. Thomas Becket*, *dioc. de Acon*, London, 40 s. To the Master and Brethren of *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital, *Smithfield*, London, 40 s. To the Abbot and Convent of *Bittleiden*, in the County of *Bucks*, 100 s. To the Prior and Convent of *Luffield*, 40 s. To the Prior and Convent of *Chetwood*, 40 s. To the Prior and Convent of *Snellsball*, 20 s. To the four Orders of Friars in *Northampton*, 20 s. To the four Orders of Friars in *Oxford*, 20 s. To the Friars of *Aylesbury*, 20 s. To the five Orders of Friars in *London*, 20 s. To *John Upton* a Friar, 100 s. to say Mass for his Soul for one Year after his Death. To *John Barton*, junior, his Brother, his Tenements in *Buckingham*, with all other Tenements there, which he bought of *Roger Skirret*, to have for Life on the following Conditions, viz. That he, the said *John Barton*, shall find one fit Chaplain to say daily Mass for his Soul, his Father's, Brothers and Sisters, Benefactors and Friends, and all other departed faithful Souls, at *St. James's* Altar, in the Church of *St. Peter's* (in *Buckingham*) afore said: And he wills and appoints that the said

said Chaplain shall be present at *Matins* and *Vespers*, in the Choir of the Church on all Festivals, and that he shall say the whole *Psalter* of *David* throughout every Week, when in Health and Ability to go through it: And perform other *Masses* there in his Will specified and enjoined. And for every Day that he neglects to say *Mass*, when not hindered by Sicknefs, he enjoins him to pay a Penny to some poor Person of the Town of *Bucks*. And that he be daily present in officiating, and have only the Recreation of fifteen Days Absence, when he shall depute another Chaplain to supply for him; otherwise to pay one Penny a Day during those fifteen Days to some poor Person of the Town of *Buckingham*. And wills that his said Brother *John Barton*, shall pay the said Chaplain ten Marks annually for his Salary, with which he shall acquiesce and be content, and have no other Stipend. And directs that the said Chaplain and his Successors shall be appointed by the Master and Brethren of *Thomas Becket's* Hospital, called *de Acon*, in *London*, and displaced by them on Neglect of performing his Service, and another put in his Room by the said Master and Brethren, without the Interposition of the Bishop of *Lincoln*, the Archdeacon or Prebendary of *Buckingham*; who shall claim no Jurisdiction or Power over his said Chaplain; and that he shall take a solemn Oath to perform the Services, and give Security for the safe Custody of the Ornaments of *St. James's* Altar, to the Master and Brethren of *St. Thomas Acon*. And moreover appoints that his said Brother *John Barton*, junior, shall find six poor Men or Women of the Town of *Buckingham*, to pray daily for his Soul, and other the Souls aforementioned, and that he shall give to each of them four Pence every Week, and provide each of them a Mansion as he hath appointed them. And that he shall also provide a Lamp to burn Day and Night before *St. Rumbald*, as the same is now appointed. And that he shall keep an Anniversary for him and his Father and Mother annually, in *St. Peter's* Church in *Buckingham*, on the Day of the Translation of *St. Benedict*; on which Anniversary he shall find two Wax Candles to burn at the Head and Feet of his Sepulchre, of three Pounds Weight each Candle: And that after his Exequies are over, what remains of the Candles shall be burnt out at *St. James's* Altar. And he wills, that all the aforesaid Tenements, Rents, and Services, and Reversions of them, shall, after his said Brother's Death, go in Remainder to *Margaret* and *Isabel* his Sisters, on their Performance of the like Conditions, for the Term of their Lives: And that they shall fulfil and observe all and every of the Limitations and Conditions afore specified. And that after their Deaths, the Premises shall go in Remainder to *William Fowler* and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, on the like Conditions; and on Default of *Fowler's* Issue, he wills the said Premises to go in Remainder to his Kinsman *John Somerton*, and on Default of *Somerton's* Issue, to his Kinsman *William Purfrey*; on *Purfrey's* performing the above-mentioned Conditions and Services: And on Default of *Purfrey's* Issue, he wills the Premises to go in Remainder to the Master and Brethren of *St. Thomas Becket's* Hospital called *de Acon*, for forty Years; and after the Expiration of that Term, to go to *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital in *West-Smithfield, London*.

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for forty Years : And in Case every one of these shall fail in performing every thing as before enjoined, then it shall be lawful for his right Heirs to take Possession, *etc.* and hold them for ever upon the aforesaid Conditions ; and to every Donation he enjoins the same Conditions and Limitations : And provides that if his said Brother *John Barton* does not perform the above-mentioned Services, and sustain and repair the Houses, that it shall be lawful for his Sisters *Margaret* and *Isabel* to enter into and take Possession of the Premises, and retain them to their Uses, on Performances of the Conditions and Limitations above specified ; and on their Neglect and Non-observance, he limits them, and gives the same Power to *Fowler, Somerton, Purfrey*, and the Hospitals of *St. Thomas* and *St. Bartholomew*, in *London* ; and enjoins their strict Observances of the Bequests in his Will, as they will answer for the Breach thereof to the Supreme Judge. And that his Feoffees shall make a State of his Rents and Tenements after his Death ; and in Case his Tenements in *Buckingham* should not be sufficient to support the Burthens, and do the aforesaid Services required and laid on them ; he wills and directs that these his said Feoffees shall make a State of his Lands and Tenements in the Villages of *Boreton, Moreton, Gawcot* with *Lenborough, Thornborough, Hillesden, Water-Stratford, Shaldeston* and *Foxcot*, in the County of *Buckingham*, and his other Lands in *Buckingham-Field*, and his Lands and Tenements in *Worton*, in the County of *Oxon*, and his Tenement in the Town of *Oxford* ; over which he subjects and gives them the same Power as over his Tenements in *Buckingham*, in order that all the Burthens and Services directed in his Will may be fully performed and observed ; and appoints his Feoffees to have reasonable Allowances for their Pains. And wills, that his Executors order that he shall be prayed for at *Easter* at the Cross in *St. Paul's Church-Yard* in *London*, by the People there assembled ; and that the Preacher shall have 40*d.* for the Commemoration of his Soul. And also that the three Preachers in the Church-Yard of the New Hospital of *St. Mary* without *Bishopsgate* shall, for the Recommendation of the Commemoration of his Soul to the pious Prayers of the People there assembled, for three Days in *Easter* Week, have 40*d.* each Preacher : And he also wills, that his Soul shall be recommended to the Prayers of the People at the Cross in the Church Yard of *St. Paul's Cathedral* on every *Sunday* for one full Year after his Death, and that the Person so recommending his Soul shall receive four Pence. And he also bequeaths and wills, that *Robert Forrest*, his *London* Chaplain, shall have 10*l.* and appoints that he shall in particular pray for him for eight Years after his Decease, if he lives so long, and that he shall have yearly for his Salary 100*s.* And that in Case he, the said *Robert Forrest*, dies within the eight Years, that what remains shall go to pious Uses, for his, the Testator's Soul, and the Soul of the said *Robert Forrest*.

“ And he gives to *Margaret* his Sister 100*s.* and a Silver Cup with the Cover, to pray for his Soul.

“ And to his Sister *Isabel* the same Legacy.

“ And

And makes *John Barton* his Brother, *Alexander Sprat*, Citizen of *London*, and *Robert Forest* his Chaplain, his Executors, and *John Wakering*, Master of *St. Baribolomew's* Hospital, Supervisor; and gives them the Residue of his Goods unbequeathed, to distribute according to their Consciences and Discretion, and to take reasonably for their Labour. And enjoins and requests that his Will may be performed and put in speedy Execution, as they shall answer it before the Supreme Judge. In witness whereof he has set his Seal on the Day and Year afore-mentioned.

*Reg. Godyn* (Fol. 726.) *John Breton*, Canon of *Lincoln* (Prebendary of *Bucks*) wills, 28 May 1463, to be buried in *Bucks* Chancel, if he died within twenty Miles of *Bucks*; and gives to *William* and *John*, his Brother's Sons, to continue at the Schools 20 *l.* to be paid them by four Marks yearly. To *Bucks* Church *Antiphonale Optimum* (i. e. a *Psalter*). To *Whaddon* Church a Vestment, and Legacies to *King's Sutton*, *Horley*, and *Hornton* Churches. The rest of his Goods to go for the Good of his Soul, and Bishop *Alnwick's* Soul. Dated at *Lincoln*, and proved 21 July 1465.

*N. B.* He died April 6, 1465, and was buried in *Lincoln* Cathedral, with a long Inscription on his Grave-Stone; which see printed in the Survey of that Cathedral, Page 247.

*John Ruding*, who was made Prebendary of *Buckingham* 1471, and died 1481, rebuilt *Bucks* Chancel, as appears by his Arms in divers Parts of the Chancel, and in the Panes of the Glass Windows. He also repaired or rebuilt *St. John Baptist's* Chapel in the Town, as appears by his Arms there. This is also called *St. Thomas Acon*, and *St. Thomas Becket's* Chapel; and is now the Free-School. He gave a Folio Latin Bible in Vellum, now in my Possession, to this Church; in which are his Arms painted, and this Inscription written in it:

**Hunc Librum dedit Magister Johannes Rudyng, Archid. Lincoln; Cathedralis in principali disco infra Cancellum Ecclesie sue Prebendal de Buckingham, ad usum Capellanorum et aliorum in eodem Studere volentium quamdiu duraverit.**

The Motto of his Arms, as drawn in the Book, was, *All may God amende.*

*In the Registers of Lambeth is the following WILL, entered Anno 1477.*

I *Richard Fowler*, Chauncellor of the Dutche of *Lancaster*, to be buried in the Isle of *St. Remwold*, in the Church Prebendal of *Bucks*, begone to be made, forseen alway that there be noe Tombe but onelye a flatt Stone laid over me, with Images and Escochons. *Item*, I bequeath 70 Marks, therewith to find a covenable and vertuous Preist to say his Divine Service, and to sing his Masse in the said Isle; and to pray for my Soule, and the Soules of my Fader and my Mother, and for the Soule of *Syr Water*, late Bishop of *Norwich*, *Dame Isabell Shotesbroke*, and for the Soules of *Water*, *Henry*, and *Thomas*, and for all Christen Soules, by the Space of seven Years next suyng after my Decease. And I will, that the same Preist have yearly for his Salary ten Marc, the said Terme of seven Yeares enduryng. *Item*, I be-

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queath to the high Altar of the Cathedral Church of *Lincolne*, 20 s. etc. Item, I bequeath to each of the Churches of *Moreton*, *Foscote*, *Okeley*, *Thorneton*, *Thornborough*, and *Padbury*, 40 s. in Money, in Satisfaction and Discharge of my Fader's Soule of such Money as was owen, and bequeathen unto them by Dame *Isabell Skoteshroke* afore nam'd, which shou'd have been paid by my said Fader, and other his Coffeoffees. Item, I bequeath to *Johane* my Wyfe, all the Stuff of myn Houshold in all Places, and all my Grayns, and all my Catalis, except my Catall upon the Manor of *Shobendon*. I bequeath to my Aunt *Sibill Quatermayns* a Standing Cup covered of Silver and gilte; to my Daughter *Sibill Chamberlayn* a Standing Cup of Silver gilte; to my Sister *Alice Rok* the same; to my Sister *Sibill Danvers* another Cup, I will that *Joane* my Daughter be married to *Edward Stradlyng* my Ward, etc. at the Age of fifteen Yeares, etc. and 400 Marc. Portion, Item, I wolle that my Feoffees suffre my Wyfe during her Life to take all the Revenues, etc. of my Manor of *Shobendon*, *Water-Stratford*, *Stokbolt*, and *Stuteley, Buck*, *Bourton*, *Mourton*, *Foscote*, and *Shalleston*, in the said County of *Bucks*, my Dwelling-Place in *Bucks*, Lands, etc. oonly excepted, the which I will that my Brother *Thomas Fowler* have during Life. Item, I wolle that the foresaid Isle of *St. Romwold*, in the foresaid Church Prebendal of *Bucks*, where my Body and other of my Frends byen buried, the which Isle is begonne of new to be made, be fully made and performed up perfetely in all Things att my Costs and Charge; and in the same Isle that there be made of new a Toumbe or Shrine for the said Sainte where the old is now standinge, and that it be made curiously with Marble, in Length and Breadth as shall be thought by myne Executors most convenient, Consideration had to the Rome; and upon the same Tombe or Shryne, I will that there be sett a Coffyn or a Chest curiously wrought and gilte, as it apperteynith for to lay in the Bones of the same Saint, and this also to be doon in all Things at my Cost and Charge. I will that there be a Monk or a Preist found to syng daily in the Chappel of *St. Dunstan* in the Abby of *Westminster*, where my Fader lyeth buried, for the Terme of five Years next suying after my Decefe, and to have for his Salary if a Monk six Marc, if a Secular Preist ten Marc, Salary yearly. And that at the Burying and Months Mynde there be disposed 10 l. amongst Preists and poor People, and 10 l. to the Marriage of poor Maidens, not having Fader or Mother. I will that myn Executors releafe to my Brother *Thomas Fowler* all such Debts as he oweth unto me. Item, I will that my Feoffees of and in my Lands and Tenements in *Chicheleia* in *Bucks*, do make Estate thereof immediately after my Diseafe to my Servant *John Byrd*, to have unto hym and to his Heirs for ever more. And for the parfite Execution of this my said Testament and last Will, I make and ordaine myn Executors *William Hastyngs*, Knt. Lord *Hastyngs*, the King's Chamberlayn, Mr. *John Moorton*, Clerke of the Rollys of the King's Chauncerie, *Johane* my Wyfe, and *Henry Davers*, Citezen and Mercer of *London*; every of them to have a Standing Cupp covered of Silver and gilte, by Way of Remembrance. And if any of thyes named Executors refuse to take upon hym the Charge as Executor, then I will that he so refusing stonde and be Supervisor of this my

my Testament and last Will, receiving his Cupp. In witness whereof to this my present Testament and last Will I have sett my Seale the Day and Year above written, and subscribed it myn own Hand. *Probatum apud Lamehith, 19 Nov. 1477. Commissa fuit Administratio Johane Reliē. et Administrat. etc. Reservat potest. estat: comittend. aliis.*

*N. B.* He died Nov. 3, 1477.

“In Registro *Moone, Henry Colier*, wills to be buried in *Eccl. Sancti Petri et Pauli de Buckingham, in Insula vocat St. Catherine's Isle*. Item, I bequeath to the new Building of the *Lady Isle in Bucks, 40 s.* Item, I bequeath to the Bells in *Bucks, 13 s. 4 d.* to the Church of *Quenton 20 s.* to *Thornborough Brigg 6 s. 8 d.* I will that a Priest have 16 Marc. 13 s. 4 d. to sing for me two Years in *Bucks Church*. I bequeath to my Son *Henry* all my Lands and Tenements in *Bucks*, and in the Prebend of *Gawcot and Lenborough*, and *Great-Harwood*, after the Decease of my Wife *Margaret*, to him and his Heirs for evermore; and to *Richard* my Son, my Lands and Tenements in *Tyngewick and Padbury*, to him and his Heirs, and Remainder to my Son *Bartholomew*, and for Default to my right Heirs; and to each Son ten Marc in Money, and each Daughter married and unmarried 10 l. Executors *Margaret* my Wife, and *Robert Woodward*, and *Richard Emson*, Supervisor. *Probat 19 May, 1501.*”

“In Registro *Blamyr, Margaret Colier*, of *Bucks*, Will dated and proved 1502, gives 6 s. 8 d. to *Bucks Bells*, and to the glazing of the Window of the new *Isle* as much as it comes to. Executors, her Cousyn Mr. *Thomas Cowley*, and Son *Henry*. *Probat 31 March 1502.*”

“Will of *Nicholas Aston*, of *Buckingham*, dated January 4, 1505. To be buried in *St. Rumbald's Isle in Bucks Church*, gives 40 s. to the new *Isle*, called *The Lady Isle*; to the Bells 6 s. 8 d. appoints *William Dorset* [Vicar of *Bucks*] and *Richard Lavendyr* [Prebendary of *Bucks*] to pray for his Soul.”

“In Registro *Adeane, Richard Lavvynder* [Prebendary of *Bucks*] Feb. 10, 1507, wills to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of *Bucks*, before *St. Mary's Image*, near the Wall on the South Part gives 100 s. to *Lincoln Cathedral*, and 40 s. to the repairing it, to the High Altar of *Bucks* 10 s. and 6 s. 8 s. to every other Altar in *Bucks*; 40 s. to *Sutton Prebendal Church*, and 13 s. 4 d. to *Horley*, and 3 s. 4 d. to *Hornton Chapel*; gives 100 Sheep to the Reparation of the Nave of the *Isle in Bucks Church*; and 100 Marks for Obits for him for eleven Years, his Books to *New College Oxford*, for them to choose what they want of them. Executors *William Porter*, and *Hugh Duke*. Witness to his Will *William Dorset*, Vicar of *Bucks*. Proved *March* the 1st following.”

*N. B.* By the Date and *Prob.* of his Will he seems to have died at *Buckingham* in his Prebendal House: And the Gravestone now lying over the last Vicar, Mr. *Pasbler*, before it was cut and new polished, I make no Doubt, belonged to him; it having had an Effigies of a Dignitary, and Plates of Brass on it, before it had been sacrilegiously robbed of them.

" *William Dorset*, in his Will, dated *September 8, 1505*, and proved *July 6, 1510*. appointed to be buried in *Bucks Church*, near the Font." He was Vicar of *Bucks*.

" *Thomas Cowley*, First Clerk in Chancery, wills, *March 29, 1510*, to the high Altar of *Bucks*, 3 s. 4 d. and, touching *Margaret Colier's* last Will, gives *Richard Colier* 10 l. and gives five Marks to his Successors in *Pightesly* and *Crafcomb* Benefices, where he was Rector.

" *John Josseline*, Esq. Will dated *August 18*, proved *November 13, 1553*, to be buried in his Chapel in the Church of *St. Peter and St. Paul*, in *Bucks*; Executrix *Anne*, his Wife, to whom he leaves all, and after his Death to his Son-in-Law, *John Foxley*, and *Margaret* his Daughter, Wife of the said *John Foxley*; Witness to his Will *William Webster*, Curate of *Bucks*, *Thomas Fowler*, etc."

N. B. He was Member of Parliament for *Buckingham*, Temp. *Henry VIII*, and *Edward VI*.

" Will of *Ferdinando Pulton*, of *Boreton*, in the County and Parish of *Buckingham*, Esq. dated *November 13, 1613*, gives 20 s. to the Repairs of *Buckingham Church*; 5 l. to *Buckingham Poor*, 20 s. to *Desborough Poor*, where he was born; 20 s. to *Jesus' Hospital* in *Rowell*; 20 s. to the poor Women in *Christ's Hospital* in *Buckingham*; 10 s. to the poor Women in *Fowler's Hospital* in *Buckingham*; to the Bailiff of *Buckingham* 40 s. to be bestowed on a Dinner or Supper for himself, and the Burgeesses, and their Wives. To his Servants a Quarter of a Year's Wages. To his Cofin *George Pulton* of *Desborough* his Books of Divinity. And he requests his Wife and Son *Giles Pulton*, to bring up to Virtue and Learning the Sons of his Son *Francis Pulton*; and that they will employ them in some Trade and Faculty, whereby they may live by their Labour, Care, and Industry; for he fears that they may be like to be destitute of Maintenance and Relief to be provided for by their Parents. Mentions his having assigned to *Catherine* his Wife<sup>a</sup> his Capital Messuage and Tenement of *Boreton*, out of which he directs her to pay each of his Sons, viz. *Giles*, *Thomas*, and *Ferdinando Poulton*, 5 l. each; and charges his eldest Son *Francis* and his Heirs, as they will answer it before the Judgment-Seat of God, that they will suffer his Wife and Assigns quietly to possess what he has given her. He makes his said Wife, and *Giles* his second Son, Executors.

" By a Codicil, dated *December 24, 1617*, he bequeaths to his Son-in-Law *Mr. William Pen*, and his Grandson *Mr. John Pen*, Mourning Cloaks; to his Son *Francis Pulton* a Mourning Cloak, and 5 l. in Money, and his Books at *Boreton*, saving what he hath given to his Cofin *George Pulton* of *Desborough*. To his Son *Giles Pulton*, a Mourning Cloak, and 5 l. in Money, and his two best Gowns and Doublets. To his Daughters *Anne Pulton*, and *Martha*

<sup>a</sup> She died the Year after her Husband, and was buried at *Wings*, in this County, as I find in that Parish Register; where I met with this Entry, "*Catherine*, Wife of *Ferdinando Pulton*, "*Daughter of Mr. William Jakeman*, buried 1618."

*Pen*, and *Mary Troughton*, and *Ursula Styles*, Mourning Gowns, and 5*l.* in Money; to the Wife of his Son *Francis Pulton*, a Mourning Gown and 5*l.* in Money. Gives his Books of *Statutes*, one to the King's Majesty, one to his good and loving Friend and Kinsman Sir *Richard Ingoldsby*, and two to Mr. Serjeant *Francis Moore*. Proved with the Codicil at London, January 13, 1618, by *Catherine* his Wife <sup>b</sup>.

## C H A P. XII.

## DESCRIPTION of the CHURCH, and the MONUMENTS in it.

THE Church here, which is dedicated to *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, is built in Form of a Cross, and consists of a Body and two Isles, at the upper End of which on each Side are two Chapels or Oratories: That on the *South* Side was built to the Honour of *St. Rumbald*, and that on the *North* Side was probably an Enlargement of the Church in the Time of *John Ruding*, Archdeacon of *Lincoln*, and Prebendary here, who built the Chancel. This, as I presume, was dedicated to *St. Catherine*.

In the Interfection between the Church and Chancel stands the Tower, which supported a very tall leaden Spire, 'till it fell down on *February 7*, 1698-9.

From the Tower extends on the *South* Side a very large cross Isle, called *Fowler's Isle*, from *Richard Fowler*, who built it in the Reign of *Edward IV.*, about which Time the Chancel was built by Prebendary *Ruding*. And from the *North* Side of the Tower projects another cross Isle, called *Poulton's Isle*, from a Family seated at *Boreton*, which had a Burial Place here. The whole Fabrick is leaded throughout, and is a large Structure, ornamented with Windows of good Stone Work; but not lofty enough for the Width, especially those in the Chancel, whose Roof is too low also. It is in Length about 163 Feet from *East* to *West*, and in Breadth from *North* to *South* in the cross Isle 90 Feet; and may be reputed the largest Church in the County except *Wycombe*.

The Arms of the *Fowlers* still remain under some of the Beams.

But to return to the Steeple:

This, as is aforesaid, was adorned with a very lofty Spire, erecting itself from the Basis of the Tower, to the Top of the Weather-Cock, above 100 Feet; which with the Tower made the whole Height 163 Feet; and was, according to the general *Gotbick* Rule, agreeable to the Length of the Fabrick. This Spire, which was the Glory and Ornament of the Town and County (as that of *Hanslap* is at present) being,

<sup>b</sup> In *Desborough* Church, in the County of *Northampton*, is this Epitaph: *Hic jacet Sepulchrum: Ferdinando Poulton de Boorton, in Parochia et Comitatu Buckingham, natus in hac villa, vir omni Virtutis et Doctrinarum genere quondam Illustrissimus, necnon sedulus Scriptor, et Propugnator Legum hujus Regni, obiit 20 Die Januarii, Anno 1617, Aetatis 82.*

as afore mentioned, blown down, the Loss and Damage was given in by the Survey of Workmen at above 1000*l.* and the Tower being somewhat shattered thereby, the top Part was pulled down, and made up with small, irregular, mean Pinacles, Pediments, and Ballisters, most improperly placed round it; and so left, carried up only a little higher than the old Tower, in no Order or Style of Architecture correspondent to any other Parts of the Fabrick; notwithstanding there were considerable Sums raised towards rebuilding it, as it was before in an handsome Manner; the two Members of Parliament for the Town giving each of them 100*l.* and the two Knights of the Shire 20 Guineas a-piece, besides other Contributions; all which being very ill applied, as well as the Money raised by the Sale of the Lead and Timber of the old Spire: the compleating and restoring it in Regularity, remains as yet a Work for future Benefactors to undertake and bring to Perfection. So as it may again exalt itself, and beautify the Prospect of the Town and Country about it.

In this Tower hang five large modern Bells, the Tenor computed to weigh twenty five Hundred. In the Chancel on the *North* Side is a Vestry. And in the Chancel Windows yet remain some Insignia of the Arms of the Builder or Founder *Ruding*, who in glasing the Windows, Chequered the Panes with Escallops and Crescents, being his Arms.

The Stone-Work of the Chancel is elegant, the Windows curiously wrought with Niches for Statues; and the Out-side is adorned with Battlements and Pinacles at Top. Without Side the Church is carved some Description of the Paschal Lamb in a Charger: And in a Niche on one Side of the *North* Window in *Poulton's* Isle is the Effigies of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*.

What Paintings were in Glass are entirely demolished except some Remains in a Window in *Poulton's* Isle, where are some Effigies of the Apostles, and a Crucifix.

In the Church and Chancel were several Brass Plates, and Effigies on Gravestones, which are torn off with the Inscriptions: whereof four were in the Chancel; in the Body of the Church five, in *St. Romwald's* Chapel two, in *Poulton's* Isle one, in *Fowler's* Isle four: Many of which had (besides the Effigies, etc.) Inscriptions round the Verges.

Over the *East* Window and *North* Porch are these Arms, being *Ruding's*, viz. *A Crescent between six Mullets.*

This *Ruding* was Prebendary of *Buckingham*, and Archdeacon of *Lincoln*, as is aforementioned: and lieth buried in *Biggleswade* Church in *Bedfordshire*. He was collated to this Prebend and the Archdeaconry of *Lincoln*, on *Aug. 6, Anno 1471*, and died *Anno 1481*.

On the Roof of the Chapel adjoining to the *North* Isle, and *Poulton's* Isle, are the Arms of New College in *Oxford*, viz. *Two Chevrons inter three Roses*, which seems as if that Society gave the Timber that made that Part of the Roof.

In *Fowler's* Isle at the Bottom of two Beams are these Arms of *Fowler*, viz. *Ermine, in Chief an Owl*. These Arms are likewise under two other Beams. On the opposite Side was this Coat, viz. *Three Wolves Heads erased; in Chief an Owl*.

And

And under another Beam this Coat, viz. *A Wolf passant with a double Tail, in Chief an Owl*: And here was antiently this Inscription: *Orate pro Ant<sup>o</sup> mabus Rici Fowler, Armigeri quondam Cancellarii domini Regis Edwardi IV. ducatus suæ Lancastræ; et domine Johanne Wicoris ejus qui quidem Ricus et Johanna hanc insulam in hac Ecclesia fieri fecerunt.*

In the Church-Yard were two Crosses; and there is yet remaining a Sexton's House adjoining to St. *Rumbald's* Chapel, built probably for the Residence of a Person who should give Attendance, and watch the Shrine.

This Church being originally only a Chapel of Ease to *King's Sutton* in *Northamptonshire*, where St. *Romwald* was born; the Minister of *Sutton*, was antiently obliged to find a Curate to officiate here; and there are still paid on that Account, as I am told, 20 Nobles to the Minister of *Buckingham*, out of the Impropriation of *King's Sutton*.

On the Outside, near the *North* Porch, is, on a black Stone set in the Wall, this Inscription; "Near this Place lieth the Body of *John Stephens*, Son of "*William Stephens*, now living, who hath been *Bailiff* of this Corporation "four Times. The said *John* was baptized the 9th of *January*, 1633, and "buried the 23d of *April* 1676."

*In the CHANCEL are these MONUMENTS:*

Within the Communion Rails, on a black *Warwickshire* Stone, this:  
In Memory of my dear Sister *Abigail Swannel*, who died *May* the 8th, 1693.  
Farewel those Joys whereon my fond Mind fed,  
My Joy in Heaven, my Grave my Marriage-Bed:  
My Hope is sole in *Christ*, lo here I lie  
Until the Morning of Eternity.

On an ordinary Stone, in indifferent Characters:

Sacred to the Memory of *Thomas Bunce*, of *Padbury*, Gent. who departed this Life in the ninth Year of his Age, *A. D.* 1692.

On another:

*Hic jacent Sepulti duo Amantissimi necnon Religiosi Fratres, viz. Gulielmus et Christopher Evans, qui per Dominum Jesum Christum Resurrectiones suas expectant.*

*Nolite Offa sua perturbare, 1688.*

On another:

*M. S.*

*Isaiae Harris*, Clerici qui hoc in loco dudum Exuvias Corporis deposuit  
5<sup>o</sup> Idus *Julii*, *A. D.* 1672. *Ætatis* 42.

*Christi Virtute resurgam,*

*Lector seu Viator vel quicunque hanc Inscriptionem legere appropinquabis. Is qui hic jacet ut vivus desiderabat, ita nunc è Corpore migratus vehementissimè expectat, ardentissime supplicat, et per vulnera Christi flagrantissimè Te impetrat, per suam Mortalitatem, tuam subito et serio Considerare. obitum velim ut scias me solummodo te paulò ante è Corpore exivisse; tu-  
uniquè*



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umque forsitan ocyorem quam expectas. Et si nihil apud te sacerdotes vel vi-  
venium Admonitiones per Terras faciant: Tacita haec te Animadversio &  
Lapide commoveat ut sine Morâ sedulo agas Paenitentiam.

Without the Communion Rails, on Stones;

On one of *Warwickshire* Marble, this:

Here lieth the Body of Mr. *George Knight*, Freeman and Citizen of *London*.  
He departed this Life the twenty third day of *March* 1704. Aged fifty five.

On another:

To the Memory of my late Husband *George Dancer*, Gent. who departed  
this Life *Sept.* 11: 1693. Aged 55.

Live well, kind Reader, Death comes unawares;  
Prayers cannot stay it, no nor Childrens Tears.

On other GRAVESTONES in the CHANCEL:

Here lieth the Body of *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of *George Dancer*; and  
*Mary* his Wife, who died *Sept.* 5, 1728.

Mr. *John Baldwin*, with two Children, beneath this Stone lie interred;  
who departed this Life the 11th of *December*, 1716.

In certain Hopes of an eternal Crown,  
To endless Life, by hasty Fate cut down;  
A Father, and two Infants, lie interred  
Beneath this Stone, Death could not be deferred.

Here lieth the Body of *John Allibone*, Baker; who died *June* 14, A. D.  
1734. Aged 69.

On a black Marble affixed to the *North* Wall. At the Top these Arms:  
*Cheque, on a Bend Gules, three Lions rampant.* Underneath this.

M. S.

H. S. E.

RICHARDUS CLIFFORD,

Medicus Felix, juxta et peritus: qui quos Morbos ante propulsavit,  
Aegrisque aliis depulit, Christianâ pietate apud se accepit; et longioris aevi  
usuram soli negavit sibi, ex triumphatâ Morte victor plurima reportavit  
Spolia at gloriosius tandem sibi Trophaeum extruxit quod illi cessit.  
Languentes diu a Mortis revocavit limine; Ast è Sepulchro redditum ap-  
paret sibi. Interim securus dormit usque dum critica illa Supremi Judicii  
dies exoptatissimi istum vitae et sanctitati denuo restituat. Obiit *Novembris*  
6, A. D. 1657.

*Edmundus Clifford* moerens filius posuit.

On a black Marble set in the *North* Wall of the Chancel. Over it these Arms,  
*Cheque Or and Azure, on a Bend Gules three Lions Rampant Argent.*

Underneath this,

Hic juxta scitus est *Edmundus Clifford*, Armiger, *Richardi* filius unicus, *Edmundi* Posthumi Pater Nobilis, et antiquae *Cliffordorum* de *Frampton* familiae heres. Natus est 5<sup>o</sup> die *Septembris* 1635. Denatus 29 *Septem.* 1661. Hoc Monumentum Amoris juxta et Moeroris Testimonium Charissima posuit  
 Conjux *Christiana Robinsia*.

In the Chancel was an antient gray Marble Gravestone, which had an Effigies and Brasses on it. This hath been new worked over, and has now this Epitaph cut on it.

Here lieth the Body of the late Reverend Mr. *Oliver Pasbler*, who was Rector of *St. Mary's* in *Bedford*, 44 Years, and Vicar of *Buckingham* 53 Years, where he was constantly resident, and very industrious in the Performance of the Duties of his ministerial Function. He departed this Life *February* 24, 1724-5. Aged 83 Years.

Here lieth the Body of Mrs. *Sarah Pasbler*, Wife of Mr. *Oliver Pasbler*, Vicar of *Buckingham*. She departed this Life *July* 26, 1718, Aged 63 Years.

This Gravestone formerly belonged to *Richard Lavynnder*, Archdeacon of *Leicester*, and Prebendary of this Church, who died 1507: It had his Effigies in Brasses, and Brasses Plates on it.

## MONUMENTS in the Body of the CHURCH.

On an ordinary Stone this,

Here lieth the Body of *William Hudson*, of *Boreton*, deceased the 26 Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord 1657.

Who so thou art, with loving Heart,  
 Stand, think, and read of me :  
 For as thou art, so once was I,  
 And as I am, so shalt thou be.

On a little Stone near it,

Here lieth the Body of *William Bayly*, Son of *William Bayly*, and Grandson to *William Hodson*, of *Boreton*, deceased.

## MONUMENTS in the great South Cross Isle, called FOWLER'S ISLE.

On a small white Marble Tablet erected against the *West* Wall. At the Top these Arms,

*Azure, Semee of Fleurs de Lys Or : a Lion Rampant of the 2d.* Underneath this,

In Memoriam uxoris suae admodum Charae *Annae Mason*, quae sobrie vixit pieque obiit et juxta Sepulta jacet.

Moeftissimus ejus Maritus *Gulielmus Mason*, hoc monumentum posuit.  
 A. D. 1701.

On several ordinary Stones on the Pavement, some whereof are of black  
*Warwickshire* Marble.

On one this,

Here lie the Body of *Thomas Grove*, Gent. who was twice Bayliff of this Corporation. He lived in Peace and Charity 70 Years, and died in Faith, *December 23*, 1667, leaving Issue none.

And the Body of *Elizabeth Grove*, Wife of *Thomas Grove*, Gent. who died *March 30*, in the 75 Year of her Age. A. D. 1687.

On an ordinary Stone this,

Here lieth the Body of *William Andrews*, and *Anne Andrews*, the Son and Daughter of *Edward Andrews*, Gent. The rest defaced.

On another of black *Warwickshire* Stone,

*Petrus Paxton*, M. D. obiit *Martii 22*, 1706-7. Aetatis 50, et Filius suus *Petrus Paxton*, obiit *Januarii 28*, 1697.

In spe, hic jacet *Elizabetha*, uxor *Petri Paxton*, M. D. defuncti, quae obiit *15 Novembris*. Aetatis suae 61. A. D. 1720.

Etiamque hic Sepulta, *Maria* filia *Willielmi* et *Elizabethae Temple*, quae obiit primo *Feb.* Anno aetatis suae primo, Anno Domini 1719.

On another,

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Hilleston*, Gent. who departed this Life *February 20*, 1711. Aged 62 Years.

[N. B. He was twice Mayor and also High Bailiff of this Town, and a Person of strict Honour and incorrupted Integrity.]

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Bourne*, Nephew of the above-named; and four of his Children. He departed this Life *August 27*, 1727. Aged 56 Years.

Here lieth the Body of *Lambert Warr*. He departed this Life, *March 7*, 1736, in the 43d Year of his Age.

On another.

Here lieth the Body of *John Hartley*, who departed this Life the 15th of *November*, 1706, in the fifth Year of his Age. Near this Place lie the Bodies of *Nathaniel*, *Thomas*, and *William*, three other Sons of *William Hartley*.

Short is our Time, but longer is our Rest :

God calls us hence, because he seeth it best.

On another,

Here lie the Bodies of *Nathaniel*, *Thomas*, and *William*, Sons of *John Hartley*, 1699.

Near this Place lies the Body of *Anne*, the Wife of *John Hartley*, senior. She departed this Life *November 24*, 1724, in the 57th Year of her Age.

Here lieth also the Body of *John*, the Son of the above-named, who departed this Life *January 20*, 1725, in the 37th Year of his Age.

On

On another,

*Anne, Elizabeth, Jacob, John-Hartley*, Children of *Thomas Dancer*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, 1702.

On another,

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Ethersy*, deceased Nov. 27, 1704. ætatis 76.

On another,

Here lieth the Body of *Margaret Ethersy*, Daughter to *Hugh Ethersy*, sen. Gent. who departed this Life the 6th Day of *February* Anno Domini 1668. Aged 68 Years.

On another,

Here lieth the Body of *Hugh Ethersy*, Gent. who departed this Life the 19th Day of *April* 1696, in the 73d Year of his Age. Who was once Bailiff, and afterwards Mayor of this Corporation, and a Justice of the Peace for the same above 20 Years.

On another,

Here lieth the Body of *Mary*, the Daughter of *Hugh Ethersy* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, who departed this Life *July* 3, An. Dom. 1697.

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Ethersy*, the Son of the above-named; *December* 8, 1697, and also *Margaret* their Daughter 1705.

MONUMENTS in the great North Transept or Cross Isle, called *POULTON'S ISLE*; Where are the Burial-Places of the *Boreton* and *Lenborough* Families, viz. *Minsbull* and *Ingoldby*.

On an ordinary Stone on the Pavement,

Here lieth the Body of *William Rogers*, who was baptized the 26th of *January*, An. Dom. 1622, and was buried *April* the 4th, An. Dom. 1681.

In the *West Wall* is infixed a large black Marble Monument surrounded with a Mantling of White Marble. At the Top these Arms, *Gules, a Chevron Or between three Lambs passant Argent; a Chief Checque Or and Azure*. Under this Inscription,

Here lieth interred the Body of *Simon Lambert*, Gent. who was thrice Bailiff of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*; and many Years before his Decease one of the King's Majesties Justices of the Peace within this Corporation: He espoused *Frances*, Sister unto the Right Honourable Sir *Ralph Wynwood*, Knt. deceased, late Principal Secretary unto King *James*, the King's Majesty that now is, and one of his Honourable Privy Council; by whom he had Issue six Sons, that is to say, *John, Simon, Thomas, Francis, Ralph*, and *William*; and three Daughters, *Alice, Johanne*, and *Elizabeth*, now living. He deceased the 1st Day of *June*, 1618. Ætatis suae 64.

In Memory of whom the said *Frances*, his well beloved Wife hath, at her own proper Costs and Charges, caused this Monument to be erected.

Nec primus nec ultimus. Multi ante cesserunt et omnes sequuntur.

*In the MIDDLE ISLE, this,*

Under this Stone, lies interred the Body of *Mary*, Wife of *William Woolhead*, of *Bourton* in this Parish. She departed this Life *January 23, 1719*, in the 65th Year of her Age.

In the Vestry is remaining this Inscription on a Stone taken out of the Church,

Here lieth the Body of *Anne*, Widow of *Edward Deane*, of *Pinnock* in *Gloucestershire*, Gent. and of *Jane* her Daughter, late Wife to *Stephen Montague* of this Town, Gent. who were in their Generation singular Examples of Piety and Virtue. Anno 1670.

In a Manuscript in the Library of *James West*, Esq. I meet with these Arms in the Church Windows remaining 1582, in Queen *Elizabeth's* Reign, viz. FOWLER, *Ermine within a Canton Gules, an Owl Argent, Beaked and Falconed Or, (Impaling FIDELOW, his first Wife's Arms, viz. Argent, a Chevron, inter three Wolves Heads erased Gules, within a Bordure Azure five Mural Towers Or.)* Also another Coat of *Fowler*, *Impaling Argent, on a Bend Gules, three Martlets Sable*, being for *Joan* his second Wife, whose Name was *Davers*. Here were the same Arms on another Coat, viz. *Davers* impaling *Burley*, viz. *Ermine, a Bend Or, charged with three Chevronells Gules*, being *Joan Fowler's* Father's and Mother's Arms.

In the Windows were also the Arms of *Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester*; *Zouch*, Lord *Zouch*, and *Giffard*, Earl of *Buckingham*.

And in the Chancel the Effigies of a Person praying to *St. Peter*, with this on a Label: *Postas Petre poli mihi Breton claudere noli.*

And on another praying to *St. Paul*, this: *Paule Deo Chare mihi Laurens propitiare.*

These Orations were no doubt placed here by *John Breton*, Prebendary of this Church, *Temp. Henry VI*, and *Edward IV*, for himself and his Curate *Laurens*.

Here were also on another Shield these eight Coats :

1. *Fowler*; *An Owl*, as before.
2. *Nebule Argent and Gules*.
3. *Three Foxes Heads within a Bordure*, as before.
4. *Barry of six, Argent and Gules*; in Chief a *Lion passant Azure*.
5. *Gules three Leopards Heads passant Fleur de Lys Or*; a *Canton Ermine*.
6. *A Lion rampant Or, within a Bordure Argent*.
7. } Broke.
8. }

And in the Church Windows these Arms of *Moor*, which were, as I suppose, in the *North-cross Isle*, viz. *Argent, on a Chevron inter three Martlets Gules, as many Fleurs de Lys Or*. And this Inscription: *Orate pro Animabus Thome Moor, et Alicie uxoris ejus*. And the Arms of *Gifford*, Earl of *Buckingham*, viz. *Gules three Lions passant Argent*.

Also

Also here were repeated these Arms in other Windows, *viz.* *Argent, a Chevron inter three Wolves Heads erased Or*; being the Arms of *Fidelow*. And, *Gules a Crescent inter six Escallops Argent, 3, 2, and 1.* being the Arms of *Ruding*; which are also in the School-House, as well as in the Church Windows.

The Parish of *Buckingham*, which is of large Extent, is bounded *West* by *Tingwick* and *Ratcliff*; *North* by *Moreton*; *North-East* by *Thornborough*; *East* by *Padbury*; and *South* by *Hillesden* and *Preston*. It contains about 3800 Acres; whereof 1600 are reputed to be in *Lenborough* Endshipp; 500 in *Gawcot*; 1200 in *Boreton*; and 500 in the Borough Part of the Town.

And it is assessed to the Land-Tax at 613 *l.* 0 *s.* 5 *d.* The Number of Families in the whole Parish are returned to be 540; and of Souls about 3000. The Houses in the Town of *Buckingham* were reckoned to be 393. And the Vicarage is, with the Endowments, Surplice Fees, *etc.* reputed to be of the Value of 100 *l.* *per Annum*.

EXTRACTS from the PARISH-REGISTER, the first Book of which begins 1558.

## MARRIAGES.

- John Lambert* and *Margaret Perot*, 1577.  
*John Rogers* and *Elizabeth Wiseman*, 1587.  
*Thomas Moor* and *Catherine Staunton*, 1593.  
*William Pen*, of *Pen*, Esq. and *Martha Poulton*, December 8, 1595.  
*Christopher Pigot*, Esq. and *Mrs. Dorothy Ingoldby*, May 28, 1602.  
*Thomas Clarkson* and *Mary Lambert*, 1607.  
*John Lambert* and *Elizabeth Porter*, November 2, 1612.  
*George Dutton* and *Mrs. Joan Merefeild*, 1615.  
*Henry Lambert* and *Eleanor Crook*, September 24, 1617.  
*Thomas Lambert* and *Elizabeth Fruen*, 1621.  
*John Nicholls* and *Joan Lambert*, June 20, 1622.  
*Mr. Robert Woodcock* and *Anne Bawdin*, 1624.  
*Mr. Joseph Billing* and *Mrs. Elizabeth Picket*, August 6, 1629.  
*John Piffy* and *Martha Ingoldby*, May 18, 1637.  
*Mr. William Holte* and *Elizabeth Nash*, 1637.  
*Mr. Edward Bagot* and *Mrs. Mary Crawley*, May 9, 1641.  
*John Hart* and *Anne Grove*, 1651. [She afterwards married *Mr. Edward Andrews*.]  
*Ralph Holte* of *Stoke Lyne* in the County of *Oxford*, Esq. and *Susanna Dodsworth*, of *Whaddon*, April 21, 1664.

## BAPTISMS.

- Catherine Fowler*, 1563.  
*Henry Cary*, 1564.  
*Robert* and *Edward Andrews*, 1568.  
*William Cary*, 1570.

*Sampson*

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*Sampson Æthiops*, natus in *Africâ*, 14 Annos natus, baptizatus 21 *Aprilis*, 1571; *Will. Palmer*, Gen'. *Will. Davies* Clericus, et *Catherina Pates*, Sufceptores.

*Martha* filia *Ferdinandi Pulton*, 1571.

*Ægidius Pulton*, *Julii* 11, 1575.

*Thomas* filius *Ferdinandi Pulton*, 1578.

*Jana* ejus filia, 1581.

*Dorothea* filia *Ric. Ingoldsfy*, Arm. 12 *Julii*, 1582.

*N. B.* Wrote in a later Hand. *Postea nupta* *Christophero Pigot*, *Militi de Doddershall*. [After Sir *Christopher Pigot's* Death she married *Simeon Stuart*, Esq. and had Issue *Nicholas Stuart*, created a Baronet 1660, Grandfather to the present Sir *Simeon Stuart*.]

*Ferdinand* filius *Ferdinand Pulton*, *Junii* 1, 1585.

*Franciscus* filius *Ric. Ingoldsfy*, Arm. *Maii* 27, 1589.

*Susanna* ejus filia, 1596.

*Maria* filia *Jacobi Smith* *Ludimagistri*, 1 *Decembris*, 1594.

*Franciscus* ejus filius, 15 *Maii*, 1599.

*Edmundus* filius *Willielmi Tri*, Gen'. 1605.

*Alexander* filius *Edwardi Duncomb*, Gen'. 1606.

*Willielmus* filius *Edwardi Duncomb*, Gen'. 1607.

*Elizabetha* filia *Christopheri Pigot*, *Militis*, 19 *Januarii*, 1608.

1. *Franciscus* filius *Ricardi Ingoldsfy*, 14 *Aug.* 1614.

2. *Ricardus* dicti *Ricardi Ingoldsfy* filius, 10 *Aug.* 1617.

1. *Elizabetha* ejus filia, 1618.

3. *Oliver* ejus filius, 1619.

*Joan* Daughter of Mr. *Richard Hanslap*, Gent. 1619.

4. *John* Son of Sir *Richard Ingoldsfy*, 1621.

5. *Henry* his Son, 1622.

6. *George* his Son, 1623.

7. *Thomas* his Son, 29 *February*, 1624.

2. *Anne* his Daughter, 1626.

8. *William* his Son, 1627.

3. *Mary* his Daughter, 1629.

*Mary* Daughter of Mr. *Richard Horne*, 1630.

*Richard* his Son, 1632.

*Mary* Daughter of Mr. *Dutton*, 1639.

*John* filius *Ric. Fleet*, *Mar.* 18, 1647. [He was *An.* 1693 Lord Mayor of London.]

*Ellen* Daughter of Mr. *Francis Ingoldsfy*, 1649.

*Anne* his Daughter, 1650.

*Richard* his Son, 23 *April*, 1652.

*Thomas Gascoigne Unmant* Son of *Thomas* and *Elizabeth Unmant*, 10 *Oct.* 1653.

*Lettice* Daughter of *Francis* and *Lettice Ingoldsfy*, *April* 9, 1654.

*Anne* Daughter of *Edward Chaloner*, Esq. 1654.

*Anne* Daughter of Dr. *Thomas Tresham*, 29 *January*, 1658.

*Edward* Son of *Francis Ingoldsfy*, Esq. 3 *September*, 1660.

*Edward* Son of *Edward Chaloner*, Esq. 22 *September*, 1660.

*Richard*

*Richard* Son of Mr. *Thomas Unmant*, 5 June, 1661.  
*Mariha* Daughter of *Francis Ingoldsbj*, Esq. July 11, 1662.  
*Henry* Son of Mr. *Edward Andrews*, 22 December, 1669.  
*Thomas* Son of *Thomas Ford*, 30 August, 1672.

## B U R I A L S.

*William Clark*, 1561.  
*John Tymms*, Sacerdos, 6 August, 1561.  
*Thomas Clerke*, 1562.  
*Michael Elys*, Sacerdos, 24 March 1563.  
*Edward Miller*, 1565.  
*Henricus Webster*, Sacerdos, 29 June, 1569. [He was Curate here.]  
*Mrs. Dorothei Darell*, Widow, departed out of this Life the 18th Day of January, 1573, being of the Age of threescore and fourteen Years. She was a virtuous Gentlewoman, and a great Benefactor to the Poor of this Town, for she gave 4 *l.* a Year to them. She was of the Family of *Langport*. [This is so entered in the Register.]  
*John Appowell*, Grocer et Ballivus, 1578.  
*Francis Ingoldsbj*, Esq. November 3, 1579.  
*John Ingoldsbj*, 22 June 1583.  
*John Lambert*, Gent. Burgesis and Justice, June 13, 1578.  
*Alice Bridges*, 1580.  
*Anne Moor Generosa*, 1582.  
*Alice Lambert*; Widow, March 7, 1586. She built the Highway from the Castle-Lane to the Almshouse by the Church. [So entered.]  
*Richard Carey*, 1586.  
*Thomas Miller*, 1586.  
*Joan Moor*, 1589.  
*Isabel Porter*, 1592.  
*Edward Clark*, 1592.  
*Edward Haddon*, 1592.  
Hoc Anno Tredecim incarcerati ob sua Maleficia condemnati, Sepeliuntur in cemiterio. [No Date but this entered in July, 1595.]  
Hoc Anno iii incarcerati, etc. as before, Sepeliuntur in cemiterio. [This entered in July 1596 also.]  
*Mary Lambert*, April 4, 1597.  
*Joanna Ingoldsbj Generosa*, Martii 23, 1597.  
*Francis Ingoldsbj*, April 8, 1599.  
*Francis Ingoldsbj*, 20 January.  
*Matthias Rogers*.  
*William Porter*, Burgenfis, 1600.  
*Gabriel Moor*, 1631.  
*Mrs. Susan Ingoldsbj*, 12 February, 1632.  
*Sir Richard Ingoldsbj*, 28 August, 1635.  
*John* Son of *Thomas Lambert*, 1636.  
*Sir Edward Richardson*, Knt. 1637.  
*Anna Uxor Magistri Ummans*, 20 August, 1639.





*Juditha Uxor Magistri Whitbie, Vicarii, 1639.*

*Mrs. Frances Ingoldby, November 25, 1639.*

*Mr. Thomas Moor, 1640.*

*Catherine Lambert, July 28, 1642.*

*Lady Dorothy Pickett, 1643. [She was Sir Christopher Pigot's Wife of Doddershall, and Daughter of Sir Richard Ingoldby.]*

*Elizabeth Lady Ingoldby, October 4.*

*Mr. Lambert, December 20, 1643.*

*A Soldier of the King's, 1644.*

*Mr. John Nicholls, 1646.*

*Mr. Thomas Whitbie, [Vicar] April 10, 1646.*

*John Rogers, 1648.*

*Mr. John Lambert, 16 November, 1649.*

*Mr. Henry Pollard, 1650.*

*Mr. Matthias Rogers, 1651.*

*Mr. Robert Woodcock, 1653.*

*Mr. Arthur Wycherley, 1653.*

*Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert, Widow, 1655.*

*Mr. William Atton, four Times Bailiff, October 23, 1655.*

*Sir Richard Ingoldby, December 20, 1656.*

*William Lofs, Gent. 3 May, 1657.*

*Mr. Harris, Minister, 30 September.*

*Mrs. Williams, Servant to the Lady Minshull, -October 1.*

*Mr. Richard Clifford, 9 November.*

*Mr. Chittwood, 22 November.*

*Edward Evans, the merry Clerk, February 5, 1658.*

*Mr. Richard Potter, Justice.*

*Anne Daughter of Dr. Tressam, M. D.*

*Dr. Hodson, M. D. 7 February, 1659.*

*Mr. William Stilton, Vicar, 10 October, 1662.*

*Mr. Clifford the Elder, 3 December, 1664.*

*William Lamberd, Gent. 29 August, 1665.*

*Lady Elizabeth Ingoldby, 2 May, 1666.*

*Sir Richard Minshull of Boreton, 27 November, 1667.*

*Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Montage's Mother, December 26, 1669.*

*Mrs. Montage, 1670.*

*Mr. Henry Bridges, February 5.*

*Mr. Andrew Duncombe, 1673.*

*Mr. Thomas Aud'ey, 1677.*

*Mrs. Lambert, Widow.*

*Francis Finch, Esq. August 12. He died at Boreton, and was Father to Mrs. Minshull.*

*Mrs. Jane Finch, December 5, 1679. She was Mrs. Minshull's Mother.*

*Mr. Thomas George, December 23.*

*N. B. The Annual Burials as computed Anno 1735 are about 58, and Births 60 communibus Annis.*

## C H A P. XIII.

LISTS of the ARCHDEACONS, PREBENDARIES, and VICARS of Buckingham, and the Foundation and Endowment of the VICARAGE\*.

## ARCHDEACONS of BUCKINGHAM.

**A**LUREDUS PARVUS was the first that enjoyed this Dignity; he was instituted by the Founder Bishop *Remigius*, Anno 1092, as may be seen in the Survey of *Lincoln Cathedral*; where are given the Names of his Successors in a more particular Manner.

*Gislebert* succeeded about 1100.

*Roger de Clinton* succeeded *Gislebert*, and was 1129 made Bishop of *Lichfield*.

*Richard de Urwill* succeeded 1129, and held it 1140; as did

*David*, Brother to Bishop *Alexander*, 1145 and 1171. [N. B. He was, Anno 1171, Sheriff of *Bucks* and *Bedford* Counties.]

*Robert de Burnham* was Archdeacon 1188; as was

*Stephen* 1192 and 1195; and

*William Bleys* about 1212. He was, 1218, made Bishop of *Worcester*.

*Matthew Stratton* succeeded about 1219. He occurs Archdeacon Anno 1223, and, in his Will dated 1268, appointed to be buried at *Osney Abby* in *Oxford*.

*Percevall de Lavannia* succeeded, being admitted 14 cal. *Maii*, 1270. He died 1290, being Prebendary of *Aylesbury*.

*Richard de St. Frideswide* succeeded, *July* 5, 1290; and died 1298, being Prebendary of *Marston*, *St. Laurence*.

*Boniface de Saluciis* was admitted by *Papal Provision*, *March* 10, 1298. He exchanged it for the Precentorship of *Salisbury*, with

*George de Saluciis*, *June* 28, 1319.

*Roger de Walsbam* had this Dignity given him by the King *June* 21, 1323; but I presume was not admitted, for as I find

*Ambaldus, Albanensis Episcopus*, a Roman Cardinal, was admitted *Oct.* 4, 1333, on *George de Saluciis's* resigning to him.

*John Belveys* was installed by Proxy, in *February* 1350, on *Ambaldus's* Death. He died about 1358, and was buried in *Lincoln Cathedral*.

*John Herring de Ashborne* (called in some Accounts *John Ashborn*) succeeded, and died in *September* 1361.

*William de Ginewell* was collated on *Ashborne's* Death, 3 id. *October*, 1361, and enjoyed it till 1380.

*John Evot* succeeded, *November* 30, 1380, on *Ginewell's* Resignation; who changed this Archdeaconry for *Langport Rectory* in the County of *Northampton*, with *Evot*, and he the said *Evot* likewise changed it for the Subdeanry of *York*, with

\* Ex Archivis et Registris Eccl. Cathed. *Lincoln*.

*Ralph Selby*, LL. D. *July 1, 1392*. He died 1420, and was buried in *Westminster Abbey*, having long before resigned this Dignity to

*Thomas Tuttebury*, Anno 1401. He died next Year, being also Dean of *Wells*.

*William Milton*, LL. D. succeeded, being collated *February 26, 1402*. He died 1424, being Dean of *Chichester*, and was buried in that Cathedral.

*Thomas Beckington* succeeded, being admitted *October 15, 1424*, on *William Milton's* Death. He was, Anno 1443, made Bishop of *Wells*.

*Richard Andrews* succeeded, about 1444, and was 1466 made Dean of *York*, and resigned this to

*John Bouchier*, whom I find installed by Proxy, *April 2, 1474*. He died 1495, and was buried in *Canterbury Cathedral*, where he was also Archdeacon, and succeeded by

*Robert Sherborne*, admitted *February 13, 1495*. He was Anno 1505 preferred to the See of *St. Davids*.

*Charles Booth*, LL. D. succeeded *June 16, 1505*, and was, 1516, made Bishop of *Hereford*.

*John Taylor*, LL. D. succeeded, being installed *December 24, 1516*, and died 1534, being Rector of *Sutton-Cosfield*, in the County of *Warwick*.

*Richard Layton*, LL. D. was collated *October 14*, and installed 27 *October 1534*. He died 1544, being Rector of *Breinton* in the County of *Northampton*, and Dean of *York*; and was succeeded by

*John Longland*, A. B. collated *June 17*, and installed *June 21, 1544*. He was deprived, Anno 1554, for Marriage, as it seems to me; and

*Richard Porter*, instituted *May 23, 1554*. He was ejected by Queen *Elizabeth*; and

*John Longland* restored 1559. He died and was buried at *Tingwick*, near *Buckingham*, where he was Rector, *November 7, 1589*; and succeeded by

*Erasmus Webb*, B. D. installed *November 12, 1589*. He died *March 24, 1613*, and was buried at *Windsor*, where he was Canon; and succeeded by

*Richard Newell*, B. D. installed *April 26, 1614*. He died 1643, at *Winchester*; and was succeeded by

*Giles Thorne*, S. T. B. collated 1643, though not installed till *July 19, 1660*. He died *June 25, 1671*, and was buried at *St. Mary's Church* in *Bedford*, where he was Rector; and succeeded by

*John Hillersden*, S. T. B. installed *August 26, 1671*. He died *November 1, 1684*, and was buried at *Stoke-Goldington*, near *Newport-Pagnell*, where he was Rector; and succeeded by

*John Gory*, LL. D. removed hither from *Stow Archdeaconry* *November 4, 1684*. He died *July 17, 1722*, and was buried at *Stuebston* in the County of *Leicester*; and succeeded by

*Nicholas Clagett*, A. M. Rector of *Breington* in the County of *Northampton*, collated *September 24, 1722*. Since S. T. P. and Dean of *Rochester*, who is the present most worthy Archdeacon, Anno 1735.

The Value of this Archdeaconry, in the King's Book, according to *ESon*, is 87 *l.* 14 *s.* 1 *d.* and the yearly Tenths 8 *l.* 15 *s.* 5 *d.*  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; though according to my Account it is only 82 *l.* 14 *s.* 5 *d.* and the Tenths 8 *l.* 5 *s.* 5 *d.*

## PREBENDARIES of BUCKINGHAM.

The Rectorial Tithes of this Place (subordinate to *Sutton* in the County of *Northampton*) were very early appropriated to *Lincoln Cathedral*, viz. *Anno* 1090, and became one of the first Prebends of that Church, and also the best endowed.

The Prebendaries of *SUTTON cum BUCKINGHAM* which our Records furnish us with, are these following:

*Richard de Gravesend* is the first I meet with. He came in about 1265, and was, from this Dignity and the Archdeaconry of *Northampton*, made Bishop of *London* 1280. After him

*Jeffry de Edenham* occurs possessed of it 1300; as does

*Neapolio Sancti Adriani Cardinalis* 1303. He died 1347, very aged; having, I suppose, some Time before resigned this to

*William Killeby*, for he occurs possessed of this Stall 1342; as does

*Thomas de Brembre*, 1349. And,

*William Wickham*, 1363. In 1367 he was made Bishop of *Winchester*.

*John Branspach* enjoyed it 1368; as did

*Cardinalis de Albanum* 1378. He was, I presume deprived; and

*John Bacon* substituted in his Place 1381. He held it 1385. However I find

*Peter*, *Cardinalis Sancti Georgii*, introduced by the Pope 1388, notwithstanding the King's Edict against Foreigners taking Ecclesiastical Preferments; however he was next Year succeeded by

*Henry Beaufort*, *Anno* 1389; but he was forced to part with it the same Year to

*Henry Cardinal of Naples*, February 16, 1389.

*Henry Rumsford*, alias *Cirencester*, was collated September 17, 1402. He died 1420, being also Archdeacon of *Canterbury*; and was succeeded by

*Robert Gilbert*, S. T. P. collated October 31, 1420. He was, 1436, made Bishop of *London*; and succeeded by

*William Aiscough*, instituted November 10, 1436. He was, 1438, made Bishop of *Salisbury*, and succeeded by

*Nicholas Dixon*, collated July 28, 1438. He died October 10, 1448, and was buried at *Chebbunt* in the County of *Hertford*; and succeeded by

*John Breton*, collated November 2, 1448. He died April 6, 1465, and was buried at *Lincoln Cathedral*, and succeeded by

*John Chedworth*, instituted April 4, 1465. He died 1471, being Rector of *Stepney*, where he appointed to be buried, viz. at *Stepney*.

*John Ruding*, LL. B. succeeded, being collated August 6, 1471. He died 1481, and was, as is said, buried at *Bigleswade* in the County of *Bedford*, where he built the Chancel, and erected a Monument for himself. The Inscription on which see printed in the Survey of *Lincoln Cathedral*.

*Richard Lavender*, B. D. succeeded, being collated November 6, 1481. He finished, as I conceive, *Buckingham Chancel*, begun by his Predecessor *Ruding*; and was buried there.

*William Smith*, LL. D. succeeded, being collated February 18, and instituted February 23, 1507, on *Lavender's* Death. He died 1528, being also Archdeacon of *Lincoln*; and was succeeded by

*Richard Pate*, instituted *June 22, 1528*, on *Dr. Smith's* Death. He became afterwards Archdeacon of *Lincoln*, and Bishop of *Worcester*; but was attainted for opposing King *Henry VIII's* Measures, *Anno 1542*. And,

*Richard Cox*, S. T. P. instituted by the King's Mandate *June 11, 1542*. He was afterwards Bishop of *Ely*, and surrendered up this Prebend, *Anno 1547*, (as has been shewn p. 38. in *Gawcot*) being then valued at 110 *l.* 3 *s.* 6 *d.* clear of all Deductions; and since his Time we hear of no more Prebendaries: For though, near 100 Years after *Cox's* Surrender, one

*George Heatb* got a Title to it, *Anno 1643*, as did

*Hugh Barcroft*, S. T. P. *Anno 1660*, and was instituted *June 17, 1661*; as was also

*Thomas Stanhope*, A. M. on *Dr. Barcroft's* Death, *June 13, 1669*; yet as they could make out no legal Right to it, so there has not been so much as any other nominal Prebendary since *Stanhope's* Death, which happened *Anno 1674* or *1675*.

#### INSTITUTION and FOUNDATION of BUCKS VICARAGE about the Year 1445 <sup>b</sup>.

**I**N Dei Nomine, Amen. Auditis plenius et intellectis per nos *Williclmum*, Permissione Divinâ *Lincolniensem* Episcopum, Meritis et Circumstantiis cujusdam nobis oblatae Petitionis per dilectum in *Christo* filium et Confratrem nostrum, Dominum *Nicolaum Dixon*, Ecclesiae *Lincolniensis* Canonicum, ac Prebendarium Prebendae de *Sutton*, cum Capellis de *Bokingham*, *Horley*, et *Hornton*, eidem Ecclesiae Prebendali de *Sutton* praedictae annexis, seu sub eadem dependentibus, in eadem Ecclesiâ nostrâ *Lincolniensi*; cujus Petitionis series continet in effectum,

Quod cura praegrandis Animarum, quae dictis Ecclesiis, Prebendali et Capellis aliisque earum Membris, ob multitudinem Parochiarum earumdem a se invicem per sexdecim vel plura Milliaria distantium incumbit, per unum solum Vicarium perpetuum in Vicaria dictae Ecclesiae de *Sutton* praedicta duntaxat, institutum et inductum, et Capellanos annuos ad nutum ipsius Vicarii amotivos in dictis Capellis ministrantes, multum segniter et indevote in Capellis istis, quid per inconstantiam, quid per raritatem, et quid per inidoneitatem Capellanorum hujusmodi, qui tam de difficili reperiuntur et adquiruntur, et reperti et adquisiti de difficiliori quasi illicite fuit detinentur, peragitur; quinimo propter ipsorum frequentem et repentinum recessum, et antequam de novis poterit dictae Curae et Capellis hujusmodi provideri, longo stante tempore Capellâ ipsa aliquotiens inofficiata et Curâ ipsius neglecta: Volens igitur idem confrater noster hujusmodi animarum Periculis obviare, et salubriore Curae exercitio hujusmodi Animarum saluti prout sibi cordi est celerius providere, nobis affectuosè humiliter et instanter supplicavit, ut duas Vicarias perpetuas, unam videlicet in dicta Capella de *Bockingham*, et aliam in dictis Capellis de *Horley* et *Hornton* praedictis, Authoritate nostra Ordinaria, de Consensu et Assensu Capituli nostri *Lincolniensis*, erigere ordinare et fundare, et de

<sup>b</sup> R<sup>g</sup> Archivis sedis *Lincol.*

fructibus, redditibus, ac proventibus dictae suae Praebendae, in locis ipsarum Capellarum provenientes et existentibus, qui ad hoc satis abundant, cōtare et stabilire dignaremur, Nos attendentes dictam supplicationem dicti confratris nostri Praebendarii praedicti rationi consonam meritoriam atque puram, ipsiusque propositum laudabile commendantes, eo potissimè quod ipsius portionem in dicta sua Praebenda diminuerè potius elegit quam ut Parochianorum ibidem Periculum videat Animarum; super praemissis per ipsum nobis expositis et suggestis, et eorum Veritate, vocatis primitus omnibus et singulis habentibus in ea parte Interesse, in genere et praesertim; et specialiter Vicario perpetuo Ecclesiae Praebendalis et Parochiae de *Sutton* praedictarum, per dilectos in *Christo* filios Subdecanum nostrae Ecclesiae *Lincolniensis*, (Decano ejusdem publice Excommunicato tam Autoritate sedis Apostolicae quam nostra ordinaria, et pro tali publice denunciato) et Capitulum nostrum Ecclesiae nostrae praedictae fore decrevimus inquirendum. Et quia per Inquisitionem, per ipsos Decanum et Capitulum ad nostrum Mandatum in forma eis demandata factam, comperimus omnia et singula hujusmodi nobis in ea parte suggesta continere per omnia veritatem; ad instantem Petitionem ipsius confratris nostri Praebendarii praedicti, de ipsius ac Domini *Willielmi Myllgon* Vicarii perpetui ipsius Ecclesiae de *Sutton* praedictae, necnon Subdecani et Capituli praedictorum, omniumque aliorum quorum interest in hac parte, voluntate Consensu et Assensu expressis, ad Erectionem, Fundacionem, Ordinationem, et Stabiliamentum ac Dotationem Vicariae perpetuae in Capella Prebendali de *Bucks* praedicta, in qua omnia consueverunt ministrari Sacramenta et Sacramentalia, et Insignia habentur Parochialia, jam prius Ordinandae, et in ejus negotio procedimus in hunc modum:

Imprimis ad Laudem Dei ipsiusque cultus Augmentum et Honorem, ac Animarum salutem, ad Petitionem saepedicti confratris nostri Praebendarii Praebendae praedictae, et de Consensu et Assensu praedictis, Stabilimus, Erigimus, Fundamus, et Ordinamus unam perpetuam Vicariam, in Capella de *Bucks* praedicta pro perpetuis Temporibus futuris duraturam, de Fructibus, Proventibus, Emolumentis, et Proficuis, cum omnibus sub modo et forma inferius descripta, dotandam, et dotamus: Ad quam jam primo, et subsequenter in singulis ejus Vacationibus praesentabit Praebendarius modernus, et ejus Successores Praebendarii Praebendae de *Sutton* praedictae, nobis et nostris Successoribus Episcopis *Lincolniae* sede plena, et ipsa vacante custodi Spiritualitatis, Civitatis, et Diocesis *Lincolniae*, idoneam Personam per nos et Successores nostros ac Custodem Spiritualitatis praedictos admittendam ad eandem et instituendam in eadem praesentabunt.

Item *Volumus, Ordinamus*, et de Petitione Consensu et Assensu praedictis stabilimus, quod quilibet *Vicarius* perpetuus in dicta Capella de *Bucks*, in posterum ad ipsam admittendus, in eadem percipiat et habeat, Nomine Vicariae suae hujusmodi, omnes et omnimodas Oblaciones in quatuor Festis principalibus, videlicet, Nativitatis Domini, Pasche, Festo Dedicacionis dictae Capellae de *Bucks*, ac in Festo Purificacionis Beatae *Mariae*, et ad Tumbam sive ad Feretrum Sancti *Rumwaldi* in dicta Capella qualitercunque obvenientes et

provenientes. Habebit etiam et percipiet annuatim idem Vicarius omnes et omnimodas decimas omnium ad Festum Paschae, *Porcellorum, Autarum, Agnorum, Vaccarum, Vitulorum, Pullorum*, cum denariis Beati *Petri*; decimas Gardinorum, Mellis, Columbarum, ac decimas et denarios Quadragesimales, necnon Oblaciones in Solempniis nubentium, Purificationibus mulierum, ac alias in dicta Capella de *Bucks*, qualitercunque provenientes; decimas Molendini de *Burton*, et Molendini vocati *le Castell Myln*, decimas etiam Agistamentorum in Campis de *Lenburgh*, et decimas bosci Parochiarum ibidem, ac omnia et omnimoda Mortuaria Viva et Mortua et Anniversaria; habebit etiam idem Vicarius ad Habitationem suam et Successorum suorum jam Domibus et Clausuris competentibus aedificandam, ex tunc post ipsius Habitationis sive Mansionis pro Vicario aedificationem sumptibus ipsius Vicarii et suorum Successorum reparand' et cum indigerit de novo construendam, quoddam Solum sive Fundum aut Parcelam cujusdam Crofti vocati *Walnut-Yard*, continentem sexaginta Pedes juxta virgam in Latitudine, et trecentos et 48 Pedes similiter, prout jacet juxta Tenementum Magistri Hospitalis Sancti *Thomae de Acon* ex parte Boreali, et se extendit a via communi quae ducit ad manerium Praebendarii, et ad Capellam de *Bucks*, ex parte occidentali usque ad Cursum Aquae vocat' *Onse*, versus Orientem ab omni Exactione et saeculari servitio liberum penitus et immunem. Exhibebit etiam idem Vicarius pro Tempore existens, suis sumptibus et Expensis, unum idoneum Capellanum, qui una cum ipso Vicario dictae Capellae Parochialis ejusdem in ministracione Sacramentorum et Sacramentalium, ad divinatorum Celebration' ac Curam Animarum nocte ac die ibidem cubando et levando deserviet et ministrat. Subibit etiam idem Vicarius pro Tempore existens omnia et singula Onera ordinaria et extraordinaria, quocunque Nomine censeantur, eidem Capellae qualitercunque Incumbentia, suis Sumptibus et Expensis (septimis Capitulo Ecclesiae nostrae *Lincolniensi*, ac Stipendiis Vicariae Statli Prebendae de *Sutton* praedictae, in Choro dictae Ecclesiae nostrae de *Lincolnia*, ac Ministracionibus ipsius Ecclesiae Ministris solummodo consuetis, necnon decimis Domino Regi concessis, et in posterum concedendis, ac Procuracionibus Archiepiscopalibus et Episcopalibus ac Decanalibus, si et quatenus Decanus ipse consuetudine Visitare et Procuraciones exigere poterit, necnon Reparatione et de novo Constructione Cancelli dictae Capellae de *Bucks*, quotiens indigerit (quae omnia et singula dictus Dominus *Nicholaus* Praebendarius et Successores sui dictae Praebendae Praebendarii, singuli suis temporibus Successivis imperpetuum, suis Sumptibus et Expensis subibunt et ignoscent, duntaxat exceptis) Percipietque et habebit dictus *Nicolaus*, et percipient et habebunt Successores sui dictae Praebendae Praebendarii, suis temporibus successivis, omnem et omnimodam decimam lanae de tota Parochia de *Bucks* provenientem, et totum Residuum omnium et singulorum Fructuum reddituum et proventuum dictae Capellae de *Bucks*, superius Vicario ejusdem non Assignatorum, in perpetuum jure suo. Ordinamus insuper Volumus et Stabilimus, de voluntate Consensu et Assensu praedictis, quod dictus Dominus *Nicolaus* Praebendarius, et singuli Successores sui dictae Praebendae de *Sutton* cum *Bucks* Praebendar', ac eorum Firmarii de Manerio  
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sive Rectoria dictae Capellae de *Bucks*, pro Tempore existentes, ab omni et omnimoda praestatione et solutione quarumcunque decimarum majorum vel minorum, videlicet, a decimis Garbarum de Terris Dominicalibus dicti Manerii sive Rectoriae, per Praebendarium sive Firmarios ejusdem Manerii sive Rectoriae feminatis, provenientium et proventurarum; necnon de Nutrimentis Animalium ipsius Praebendarii, aut Firmarii in Praebenda praedicta, in ipso Manerio aut locis ejus Dominicalibus foetatis et nutritis, sive foetandis et nutriendis: de decimis etiam de fructibus Arborum, seminum, hortorum, lactis, Piscium, casei, Vaccarum, et caeterorum Animalium Domesticorum, infra dictum Manerium aut loca Dominicalia supradicta in manu Praebendarii, aut ipsius Firmarii existentia contingentibus, in perpetuum liberi sint penitus et immunes, nec ad hujusmodi decimarum praestationes aut solutiones valeant aut debeant a quodam compelli vel aliquo aliter coerceri. Propterea cum justum fuerit et qui commodum sentit subeat et Onus, omnem et omnimodam Curam animarum Parochianorum dictae Capellae de *Bucks* cum suis Membris, quae prius ad Vicarium dictae Capellae de *Sutton* pertinuit, dicto Vicario Capellae de *Bucks* praedictae, per eundem subeundam tenore presentium Judicamus et Imponimus, ac extunc quidem Vicarium Ecclesiae de *Sutton* praedictae, et ejus Successores, ab omni Cura et ejus exercitio perpetuo absolvimus et exoneramus. Rursus si quid obscurum dubium superfluum vel diminutum in praemissis, vel eorum aliquo imposterum reperiatur, illud declarandi interpretandi minuendi augendi, ac ea in competentiore formam redigend', et alia quoad Vicariae Ordinationem cum nobis videbitur expedire de novo faciendi et ordinandi, nobis et Successoribus nostris Episcopis *Lincoln* potestatem specialem ac auctoritatem reservamus in hiis scriptis pro loco et tempore, omnibus juribus nostris Episcopalibus, et Ecclesiae nostrae *Lincoln* dignitate in omnibus semper salvis.

## VICARS of BUCKINGHAM.

Though here was a Church very early in the *Saxon* Age, yet it was dependent on *King's Sutton* in *Northamptonshire*, 14 Miles off, which was no Doubt one continued Parish, comprizing all the intermediate ones; which being however taken out of *Sutton* Parish, and made distinct Parishes (as *Brackley*, etc. were) yet the Rector or Presbyter of *Sutton* would not part with *Buckingham*: And so That with *Horley* and *Hornton* in *Oxfordshire*, being at the same Time also made Prebendal to *Lincoln* Cathedral, in the Reign of *William II*, Anno 1090, the Vicar (or rather the Prebendary of *Sutton* cum *Buckingham*, *Horley* and *Hornton* Vicarage) put in Curates or Chaplains, to supply the Chapels of *Buckingham*, *Horley*, and *Hornton*, till Bishop *Alnwick's* Time, when between the Years 1442 and 1446 there were two Vicars ordained, one at *Buckingham* to take Care of that Parish; and another to take Care of *Horley* and *Hornton*: This was done by the Assent of *Nicholas Dixon*, Prebendary of *Sutton* cum *Buckingham*, in whose Time the first regular Vicar of *Buckingham* was ordained; who I presume might be

*Robert Rasbe*, alias *Craven*, instituted about 1445. He exchanged it for *Flixby* Rectory in this Diocese, Anno 1457, with

*Robert*



*Robert Sharp*, and he became instituted on the Presentation of *John Breton*, Prebendary of *Sutton cum Buckingham*, June 22, 1457.

*Thomas Shipnam*, or *Chipman*, was instituted October 15, 1490, on the Presentation of *Richard Lavender*, Prebendary of *Sutton and Buckingham*, on the Resignation of *Robert Sharp*.

*William Dorcett*, or *Dorset*, was instituted August 17, 1497, on the Presentation of *Richard Lavender*, Prebendary of *Sutton and Buckingham*, by the Resignation of *William Chipman*.

*Richard Smith* was instituted August 23, 1510, per *Mortem Dorcett*, on the Presentation of *William Smith*, Prebendary of *Sutton and Buckingham*.

*Thomas Cause*, per *Mortem Ricardi Smith*, was instituted November 14, 1511, ad *Præsentationem Willielmi Smith*, Prebendary of *Sutton and Buckingham*.

*George Heyworth*, per *Mortem Cause*, was instituted May 24, 1524, ad *Præsentationem Willielmi Smith*, Prebendary of *Sutton and Buckingham*. He was, Anno 1534, returned to be Vicar here, and that *William Tyte*, *Thomas Hawkins*, and *William Walter*, were Cantatores or Chantry Priests Officiary *infra Ecclesiam* at the same Time, viz. 1534; he died 1538, and was succeeded by

*Robert Hall*, instituted April 10, 1538, on *Heyworth's* Death, ad *Præsentationem Ricardi Pate*, Prebendary of *Sutton and Buckingham*. He occurs Vicar Anno 1547; and I suppose held it till 1560 or 1561, when I find

*William Davers*, instituted January 12, 1561, on the Presentation of the Bishop of *Lincoln*, per *Lapsum*, to this Vicarage, then void by the Death of the last Incumbent, not named, no doubt *Hall*.

*William Wilby* succeeded 1581.

*Alexander Sheppard*, LL. B. after LL. D. Vicar of *Whitchurch*, was instituted to this Vicarage, February 2, 1599, on the Death of the last Vicar, not named, on the Presentation of *Robert Johnson*, Esq.

*Thomas Whitby* was instituted 1619, per *Cessionem Sheppard*. He died and was buried in the Chancel here, April 10, 1646. After him

*William Stilton* got into this Vicarage, and subscribes himself Vicar 1649, and 1652, and after the Restauration got a legal Title to it, July 31, 1662, on the Presentation of *William Denton*, M. D. *Edward Ffust*, *Alexander Denton*, and *George Woodward*, Esqrs.

*William Warters*, Vicar of *Ambrosden*, succeeded, being instituted 1663, on *Stilton's* Death. He got afterwards *Forscot* Rectory, and died possessed of this Vicarage, and *Forscot*; and was buried here May 8, 1672.

*Oliver Pashler*, A. M. succeeded, and was presented and instituted Aug. 2, 1672, on the King's Title, on *Warters's* Death. He was buried here February 25, 1724, and was succeeded by the present Vicar, 1735, viz.

*Thomas Price*, LL. B. instituted May 15, 1725, on Mr. Justice *Denton's* Presentation.

I meet with no Terrier of this Vicarage, but I am informed that there are belonging to it, besides the Site of the Vicarage House (and Gardens of an Acre of Ground, which extend down to the River) about 30 Acres of Pasture

Pasture Ground, and 21 Acres of Arable, in the Parish; and that Dr. William Clark, Dean of Winchester, who died 1679, endowed it with an Estate in Essex, settled upon Benefices in some few particular Market Towns, which *communibus annis* yields to each of the Incumbents about 15 *l. per Ann.*

The Valuation of it in the King's Books is 22 *l.* and the clear yearly Value is given in at 43 *l.* 17 *s.* in *Edon's Valor*.

## C H A P. XIV.

*Of the Foundation of the FREE-SCHOOL, and the Names of the MASTERS.*

**O**F the Foundation of the School in this Town I could never learn any exact Account.

What I have been able to collect is, that Dame Isabel Denton (as she is called in the Return, made into the Exchequer, of Colleges and Chantries at their Dissolution, Anno 1547) gave by her Will about the Year 1540, four Marks yearly to a Priest to teach Children in this Town, in Augmentation of his Living for twenty Years; of which eight Years were then said to have been expired, Anno 2 Edward VI.

Which Prince, in order to found the said School, as I have been informed, gave a Stipend of 10 *l.* 8 *s.* 0 *d.*  $\frac{1}{4}$  *per Annum*, payable out of the Exchequer, on taking away the Lands of St. Thomas Acon's College in London, which lay near this Place: And so the Chantry Chapel of St. John the Baptist in this Borough (called also St. Thomas Becket's Chapel) having been obtained from the Proprietors thereof, became converted into a School, and hath continued one ever since: And the Master's House adjoining unto it having been burnt down about the Year 1685, was rebuilt Anno 1696, in a very handsome Manner, by Alexander Denton, Esq. Father to the Honourable Mr. Justice Denton.—The Names of the Schoolmasters, or of as many of them as I can recover, are as follows:

Henry Webster seems to have been appointed Schoolmaster by the aforesaid Isabel Denton. He occurs Anno 1553, and then supplied the Cure of Buckingham Parish, where he was buried Anno 1569, in the Parish Church.

Alexander Sheppard taught School here Anno 1574. He was made Vicar of Whitchurch, Anno 1580; and of this Parish of Buckingham, Anno 1599.

Thomas Potter, A. M. seems to have come in about 1580. There was, in the Year 1599, an Inhibition<sup>a</sup> issued out against him by the Archbishop of Canterbury, John Whitgift, that he should not preach nor teach School in *Villâ de Bucks*. So that, as I suppose, he was put out; and

James Smith was put in his Place; for he occurs Schoolmaster 1594 and 1609, as does

<sup>a</sup>Register Whitgift, f. 112.

*Richard Earle*, Anno 1617. He was discharged Anno 1625, by the Corporation of *Buckingham*, for Neglect of his School; he died 1635, Vicar of *Stow*.

*Richard Horne* was elected in *Earle's* Place on *Lady-Day*, 1625, and occurs 1633; he became afterwards Rector of *Finnmore*.

*Thomas Dutton*, A. M. succeeded *Horne*, Anno 1633; his Successor was

*Edward Ummant*, A. M. elected 18 May, 1638. He was, 1645, made Vicar of *Padbury*; but, as I judge, kept the School, and employed for his Ushers or Assistants here<sup>b</sup>, *Mr. Pain*, *Mr. Thompson*, and *Mr. Stephens*, the last of whom, viz.

*Thomas Stephens*, became licensed Schoolmaster here March 19, 1660. He was an excellent Master, and bred up several good Scholars: particularly the great *William Lowndes* of *Winslow*, Esq. who spoke much to me in his Praise, and told me, that he quitted this for a greater School. His Successor was

*William Warters*, A. M. Vicar of this Parish, elected October 1, 1664, who held it for a Year, and then resigned it; and was succeeded by

*Roger Griffith*, A. B. Vicar of *Padbury*, elected October 1, and licensed February 20, 1665. He died 1682, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Dalby*, A. M. elected January 16, 1682. He was afterwards Vicar of *Wendover*, and died 1728, being then Rector of *Church-Lawford* in *Warwickshire*.

*Thomas Yeomans* succeeded to the Mastership 1685, and quitted it for that of *Brackley* School, 1690.

*Mark Noble*, Curate of *Maids-Morston* supplied it 1690 and 1691.

*Robert Styles* became elected 1692, who having raised a very good School here, to the great Loss of the Town quitted it for *Northampton* School; and died Rector of *Tyringham* and *Preston* Benefices, both which were given him by his Scholars here, *Mr. Backwell*, and *Mr. Justice Denton*.

*Thomas Ford*, A. B. Son of an Alderman of this Town, became elected Schoolmaster October 21, 1696. He was afterwards Chaplain of *Christ-Church* Oxford, Minor Canon of *Bristol*, and Prebendary of *Wells*, and was beneficed in that Diocese; where he is yet living, Anno 1735.

*Samuel Foster*, A. M. Vicar of *Little Harwood*, succeeded May 17, 1709, and quitted it on being made Vicar of *Swanborne*, 1715.

*Richard Cardwell*, A. B. succeeded 1715, and quitted it on being made Vicar of *Raundes* in *Northamptonshire*. His Successor was

*William Halford*, A. M. elected July 29, 1723, who is the present Master, Anno 1735, and also Vicar of *Tornborough* and *Padbury*.

N. B. This School-Room, which as before observed, was originally a Chantry Chapel (and founded by *Matthew Stratton*, Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, who died 1268, in *Henry III's* Time) being fallen to Decay, was rebuilt in *Edward IV's* Time, by Archdeacon *John Ruding*, then Prebendary of *Buckingham*; and dedicated to St. *John the Baptist*, and *Thomas of Acon* alias *Becket*. Over the Altar (as in a Drawing in my Collections) on the Boards of the Ceiling, was depicted an Holy Lamb bleeding, and on

<sup>b</sup> Ex Informatione Magistri *Thomae Ford*, nuper Ludimagistri.

each Side two Angels, or Monks, with Cups to catch the Blood; underneath the Lamb was St. *John the Baptist's* Head in a Charger, and *Ruding's* Motto, *All may God amende*. Which was remaining 'till 1688, when it was destroyed, as a Relict of *Popery*, by the School Boys. The rest of the Work was decorated with Crescents and Escallops, as were the Panes of the Windows, and the Back of the Master's Seat, being *Ruding's* Arms, as in *Buckingham* Chancel Windows. The last Priest of this Chapel, while it was used *pro divinis celebrandis* in *Edward VI's* Time, was *Thomas Hawkins*. It was endowed with a small House joining to the *Cross Keys* Inn, and a Tenement and two Acres of Pasture, at the *North-East* End of the Town. The whole Revenues were given in at the Dissolution *Anno* 1547, at 3 *l.* 9 *s.* *per Annum*.

C H A P. XV.

*An Account of what Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Stocks of Money have been heretofore given to the Poor of BUCKINGHAM; and to several CHARITABLE USES in the said Town and Parish, viz.*

GIVEN by Mrs. *Catherine Agar*, Widow, deceased, 22 *July*, 1574, to relieve twelve of the poorest Inhabitants of the Town of *Buckingham*, with 12 *d.* in Money, and six penny worth of Bread on every *Sunday*, weekly and yearly for ever,

*l. s. d.*  
03 18 00

A Messuage in the *North-East* End of *Buckingham*, called the *Boar's Head*, now in the Possession of *John Jolly*, and late in the Tenure of *John Welsh*, of the yearly Value when given of

04 00 00

Also a Messuage or Tenement in *Buckingham* commonly called or known by the Name of the *Cross*, now in the Possession of *Matthias Rogers*, Gent. and late in the Tenure of *John Parsens*, the yearly Value when given was 1 *l.* but now advanced to

02 10 00

Also a Tenement in *Well-Street* in *Buckingham*, now in the Possession of *Nathanael Sayer*, of the yearly Value of

04 00 00

And likewise a Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances, in *Well-Street* in *Buckingham*, aforesaid now in the Possession of *Richard King*, of the yearly Value of

05 04 00

Given by *Robert Higgins*, Clerk, deceased *Anno* 1689, to the Governors of *Christ's* Hospital in *Buckingham*, and their Successors for ever, to the Intent they should on every Feast Day of St. *Michael*, St. *Thomas*, the Annunciation of the Virgin *Mary*, and Nativity of St. *John Baptist*, or within fourteen Days after, give and distribute in Alms unto five poor and unmarried People, which have dwelt in the Borough and Parish

of *Buckingham*, by the Space of three Years before the said Gift, the Sum of 25 s. equally ; and also to every of them once in two or three Years a Frize Gown, and also on every Feast-Day aforesaid, or within fourteen Days after, a Dinner, such as the Poor in the said Hospital have usually had, to be paid out of these Rents following, viz.

Several Messuages or Tenements in *Buckingham* aforesaid, in *Well-street*, in the Possession of *John Gurney*, and *John Dyer*, of the clear yearly value of } 10 00 00.

Given by *Rogers*, for the Relief of decayed Tradesmen.

A Messuage or Tenement in *Well-street* aforesaid, now the Workhouse, formerly in the Tenure of *Alexander Woodcock*, and *John Webster*, Jun. of the yearly Value of } 05 00 00.

Given by *Robert Harris*, Gent. deceased, to the Poor of *Christ's Hospital* in *Buckingham*, for ever, as followeth :

Twenty Shillings *per Annum*, to be issuing out of a House or Tenement in *Buckingham*, in or near the *Butcher-Row*, commonly known by the Name of the *Fleece*, now in the Possession of *Paul Sindry*, } 01 00 00.

Also given to the Poor in the said Hospital, the Profits of the *Wool-Market*, together with the *Wool-Hall* in *Buckingham*, situate in a Place there called the *Drapery*, of the yearly Value of } 05 00 00

Also the High-Bailiff of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being, is to pay out of the Profits of two Fairs yearly for ever, to the Poor of this Hospital, the Sum of } 05 00 00

Also given to the Poor of this Hospital, the Rent of a Close adjoining to the said Hospital, in the Tenure of Widow *Carter*, of the clear yearly Value of } 01 10 00

Also given by *Michael Hipwell*, deceased, to the Poor of the aforesaid Hospital in *Buckingham*, three Houses on the West Side of *Stony-Stratford* in the County of *Buckingham*.

Given to the Poor of *Buckingham* for ever, a Rent Charge of 6 s. 8 d. *per Annum*, out of those two Houses in *Well-street* in *Buckingham*, late in the Possession of *Ralph Ford*, deceased, } 00 06 08

Given by Mrs. *Dorothy Dayrell*, who died January 18, 1583, Six little Alms-Houses in the Church End of *Buckingham*, to which is to be paid 5 l. 4 s. for ever, that is, weekly six Groats to six poor People inhabiting therein. [This is called *Barton's Hospital*, and was no doubt heretofore the Mansions of the six Persons he appointed to pray for his Soul, which Mrs. *Dayrell* purchased and gave them also to six poor People.] } 05 04 00

Given 1685, by the Lady *Baggot*, who died October 22, 1686, 100 l. to be laid out in Lands, and the Profits thereof to be annually applied to the cloathing of four poor Widows with Gowns, of the Town of *Buckingham*, for ever.

Given

Given by *John Lambart*, Gent. deceased, to the Town of *Buckingham* 20 *l.* the Interest thereof to be annually paid on *May* 1, to the Constable of *Buckingham*.

Given by *Thomas Wells*, Gent. deceased, *Tempore Caroli II.* to the Inhabitants of *Buckingham*, three Acres of Arable Land, lying in *Gawcot-Fields*, in the Parish of *Buckingham*, of the clear yearly Value of

01 10 00

Given by *John Adkin*, deceased, towards Payment of Fifteenths and setting out of Soldiers, and Furniture for them, in the *Prebend-End* of *Buckingham*, as followeth,

One Messuage and Close of Pasture, and five Acres of Arable Land, with the Appurtenances in *Gawcot*, late in the Possession of the Widow *Marefield*, deceased, of the yearly Value of 5 *l.* 5 *s.* and because there is no Fifteenth paid now, it is decreed by Order of the Court of Chancery, that 2 *l.* 8 *s.* yearly of the said Rents, should be paid to four poor Widows inhabiting in the *Prebend-End* of *Buckingham*; and the Residue should go towards Payment of Constables Rates in the said *Prebend-End* yearly.

Given about 1690, by the Will of the Lady *Penelope Osborne*, Sister to Sir *Ralph Verney*, to the Town and Parish of *Buckingham*, and to the Corporation thereof, the Sum of 300 *l.* the Interest whereof to be by them divided into six Parts, and distributed equally to six poor Men upon every first Day of *May*, who are to have provided every two Years out of the Interest of the said Money six new Green Cloth Gowns, in which they are to appear on *Sundays*, and wait upon the Bailiff of the said Corporation to the Parish Church. And likewise the Vicar is to have 10 *s.* yearly out of the Interest of the said 300 *l.* payable on the first of *May*, according to the Direction of the Will.

Ordered by a Decree of the Court of Chancery, that *William Hartley*, Gent. is to pay 2 *s.* *per Annum* for two Encroachments made by him upon Part of the Poor's Land, now in the Possession of *Richard King*, to be paid to the Poor of *Buckingham*, who receive the Charity of *Catherine Agar*, deceased.

Sir *Simon Bennet* left, *Anno* 1631, yearly 20 *l.* charged on *Boreton* Tithes for ten Blue Coats for ten poor Men.

Sir *Richard Temple*, [who died *Anno* 1697] left to the Town of *Buckingham* yearly,

12 00 00

Mr. *Hart* left yearly to the Town of *Buckingham* to put out Apprentices,

09 00 00

Mr. *Thomas Grove*, who died *March* 30, 1687, left to be given on *St. Thomas's Day* in *Bread*,

02 10 00

Total 126 07 08

*N. B.* The Interest due on the principal Sums mentioned was computed after the Rate of 5 *l.* *per Cent. per Annum*, when this Account, as thus cast up, was sent to the Editor about 1731.

RETURN

RETURN of BUCKINGHAM HOSPITAL 1666, to the Bishop of LINCOLN.

THERE is an Hospital in *Buckingham*, founded by her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth* in the fortieth Year of her Reign, called *Christ's Hospital*; the Amount yearly 14*l*. There is belonging thereto an Hospital-House, with a Yard, Orchard, and Close adjoining, and two Fairs within *Buckingham*, a Wool-Market, and a Wool-Hall in *Buckingham*; and an Annuity of 20*s*. issuing out of a Tenement in *Buckingham*, near the North-East End of the Wool-Hall, in the Occupation of *Robert Cunningham*, as Tenant to Mr. *Thomas Grove*. *Thomas Risley*, Esq. and *John Turner*, Gent. are the present Governors; and there are no Fees but the said Governors, who have no Allowance or Benefit. There are seven antient Women resident there, being as many as the same will hold, and the Revenues cannot keep more, and they are governed by the Discretion of the Governors, and do receive the Revenues; there being only paid out of it a small Quit-Rent to the Lord of the Manor, of whom the House is holden. There may be thirty-six Persons by the Charter, in Case of an House to entertain them and Maintenance to keep them. There are no Statutes, Orders, or Rules, but what are at the Discretion of the Governors thereof.

## CH A P. XVI.

CHARTERS\* of INCORPORATION, *Anno 1553, the first of Queen MARY, and Anno 1684, the thirty-sixth of King CHARLES II, with the LISTS of the BAILIFFS and MAYORS.*

IN the 27th Year of King *Edward III*, as appears by our Records, the Town of *Buckingham* had *A Mayor and Two Bailiffs*.

In *Henry VIII's* Time *Buckingham* had a *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, who made the Return of the Members of Parliament.

And also in *Edward VI's* Reign, the *Bailiff* and eleven *Burgesses* elected and returned them. And when

The Style of *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* was, by King *Charles II*, changed into that of *Mayor* and *Aldermen*, the Election and Return of the said Members of Parliament was made by the *Mayor* and *Aldermen*, in like Manner, as it was directed to be in *Queen Mary's* Charter; which is as follows:

*MARY*, by the Grace of God, of *England, France, and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and of the Church of *England* and *Ireland* the Supreme Head; To all them to whom this present Writing shall come, greeting. Whereas Our beloved and faithful Subjects of Our Town of BUCKINGHAM, in the County of BUCKINGHAM, for the Government and better ordering the same Town, have humbly entreated Us, That We would be pleased to create and ordain the said Town and the Inhabitants thereof into a Body Corporate of one *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*: KNOW

\* Communicated by Mr. *Nicholas Mervin*, Town Clerk and Deputy Steward.

ye that We graciously considering, and yielding to their Petition, and knowing that the said Our Subjects, of whose Fidelity and Care towards Us We have have had true Certificate, as by the Relation of Our Nobles, Barons, and Subjects, as also of Our own sure Trust and Princely Knowledge; especially in the Time of the Rebellion of *John*, late Duke of *Northumberland*, attainted and convicted of High Treason, he and his Confederates attempted against Us; that the said Our Subjects did most faithfully cleave unto Us, and manfully resisted and withstood the said Rebellion; And that Our said Subjects may be the better and fullier certified of Our Princely Affection and Favour We bear to them, for the same Cause of Our especial Grace and sure Knowledge, and out of Our own mere Motion, and by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, We will, ordain, appoint, decree, and grant, that the said Town and Parish of *Buckingham*, in Our said County of *Buckingham*, for ever hereafter is, and shall be, a Free Borough corporate, in Deed, Fact, and Name, for ever, consisting of one *Bailiff* and twelve *Burgesses*, by the Name of the *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Buckingham*: And that the *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish shall, for Time to come, be one Society and one Body corporate and politick, in Deed, Truth, and Name, by the Name of One *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Buckingham* aforesaid, and shall for all Times hereafter so continue: And that the *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the same Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being hereafter for ever, are and shall be a Body Corporate, and a perpetual Commonalty in Truth and in Name, and shall have a continual Succession for ever. And the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* We create and erect, ordain, make, constitute, declare, and incorporate to be one Commonalty, and one Body Corporation Politick of themselves, really and fully for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, by these Presents. And We will and command the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for Time to come hereafter, ever to be called, esteemed, and named by the Name of *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Buckingham* aforesaid: And that they may by the same Name, be published, proclaimed, impleaded; may follow, defend, and be defended; answer to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, and be answered in all Our Courts and Places whatsoever, as well in all and singular Actions, Suits, Complaints, and Causes, Demands real and personal, or mixt, as in all and singular other Causes, Businesses, and Matters whatsoever. And that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, may and shall have one Common Seal for all their Causes and Business to be done and handled; and that it shall be lawful for them and their Successors, the said Seal to break, change, and to make a-new at their Pleasure. MOREOVER We will, and by these Presents, for Ourselves, our Heirs, and Successors, We appoint and ordain, that the said twelve *Burgesses* be and shall be named, the principal *Burgesses* of the aforesaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*. And that every one of the same *Burgesses* for the Time being, and every Person that shall be hereafter chosen and named to  
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the Office of a *Chief Burgeſs* of the Borough and Pariſh aforeſaid, ſhall have and hold to himſelf, and his Heirs, Lands and Tenements to the clear and yearly Value of thirteen Shillings and four Pence, or ſhall have and be worth in Goods and Chattels to the Value of twenty Pounds. MOREOVER We will, and by theſe Preſents We grant and ordain, for Ourſelves, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, that in the ſaid Borough and Pariſh of *Buckingham*, there is, and ſhall be one Officer, who ſhall be called and accounted the *Steward* of the ſame Borough, and do and execute by himſelf, or by a ſufficient Deputy or Deputies, all and every of thoſe things that appertain to his Office. And that all and ſingular the Premiſſes may obtain their due and larger Effect, Know ye, that We of Our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have aſſigned, named, made, ordained, and by theſe Preſents, for Ourſelves, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do aſſign, name, make, and ordain Our well-beloved *John Lambert*, an honeſt Man and Inhabitant in the ſaid Borough and Pariſh of *Buckingham*, to be, and ſo he is, the firſt and new *Bailiff* of the Borough and Pariſh of *Buckingham* aforeſaid. And he ſhall be ſworn *Bailiff* of the ſaid Borough and Pariſh by a corporal Oath, faithfully to perform the ſaid Office 'till the Feaſt of St. *Philip* and *Jacob* next enſuing; and from the ſaid Feaſt 'till ſome other choſen Perſon ſhall be in due Form ſworn in like lawful and faithful Manner to perform the ſaid Office.

MOREOVER We have aſſigned, named, made, ordained, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do aſſign, make, name, ordain, Our well-beloved faithful Subjects *John Wicken*, *Edward Miller*, *Thomas More*, *Richard Whit*, *William Phillips*, *Robert Gyrelde*, *John Gates*, *William Veſſe*, *William Sympſon*, *John Bryſto*, *Thomas Wood*, and *Gilbert Smith*, Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough and Pariſh of *Buckingham*, to be the firſt twelve new *Principal Burgeſſes* of the ſaid Borough and Pariſh; and to be by their Oath corporally taken the firſt Common-Council of the Borough and Pariſh aforeſaid. Alſo We aſſign, make, name, ordain *Edward Chamberlain* the firſt and new *Steward* of the aforeſaid Borough and Pariſh of *Buckingham*, having taken his corporal Oath for the exerciſing, doing, executing of Juſtice, and all other Things which do or may and ought to appertain to the Office of *Steward*, to be performed by him, or by a ſufficient Deputy or Deputies. FURTHER We will of Our own Knowledge and gracious Motion, We grant for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, by theſe Preſents, to the ſaid *Bailiff* and *Burgeſſes* of the ſaid Borough and Pariſh of *Buckingham*, that they and their Succeſſors have and hold a certain Court before the ſaid *Bailiff*, three *Burgeſſes*, and the *Steward* of the Borough and Pariſh aforeſaid, or his ſufficient Deputy or Deputies for the Time being, in a Common Hall, or ſome other Place in the ſame Borough more convenient to hold the ſaid Court, from three Weeks to three Weeks for ever. And that the ſaid *Bailiff*, three *Burgeſſes*, and *Steward*, or his ſufficient Deputy or Deputies, ſhall have full Power and Authority of hearing and ending in the ſaid Court, all Complaints in the ſaid Court, commenced and ſingular Pleas, Complaints, and Actions, of all and ſingular Debts, Accompts, Bargains, Contracts, Tranſgreſſions by Force or Arms, made or otherwiſe, in Contempt of

of Us or our Heirs, all Assemblies made, detaining of Goods, Contempts, Deceits, and all other Things and Actions, real, personal, and mixt, whatsoever, within the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, within the Precincts, Bounds, and Liberties thereof, in any Manner arising, or rising, growing, or chancing, or that chances, so that the said Debts, Accompts, Bargains, Contracts, Transgressions, and other Actions, do not exceed the Sum and Value of five Pounds. And that the said *Bailiff*, three *Burgesses*, *Steward*, or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies, sufficient for the Time being, shall have Power, Authority, and Liberty in and upon all such Complaints, Pleas, Quarrels, and Actions against the Persons Defendants, against whom such Complaints, Plea or Actions, are to be laid, levied, or named in the said Court, to bring them to their Answer by Declaration, Attachment, and Distress, according to the Laws and Customs of Our Realms of *England*; and for Defect and Want of Cattle, and Lands of the said Defendants within the Borough aforesaid, the Limits, Bounds, and Liberties thereof, where and by whom the same may be taken, attached, and detained by Attachment of their Bodies; and all and singular the Premises to hear separately, and by the like Process, Considerations, and Executions of Judgments, to finish and conclude as before Our Justices in Our Court holden in the said County are adjudged and concluded. And that the said *Bailiff*, three *Burgesses*, and *Steward* aforesaid, or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being, shall hear and determine all and singular the Premises according to the Necessity of Justice, the Form of the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, of this Realm of *England*, from Time to Time, within the said Borough and Parish. And the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and their Successors, may have and receive, and shall have and receive, for the Use and Benefit of them the said Borough and Parish, all Fines, Amercements, Extents, and all other Inrollments, and Profits growing, coming, arising, and issuing from and to the said Court, to the Use and Benefits of the said Borough and Parish to be employed. MOREOVER We will and grant by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, to the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and to their Successors, that they have and shall have full Power, Authority, and Liberty to assign, name, constitute, and ordain one fit Person to the Office of *Under Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish, to serve in the foresaid Court, and to do, execute, and perform all Proclamations, Express Executions, and other Things belonging, concerning, and appertaining to the said Office, within the aforesaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and the Limits, Bounds, and Precincts thereof. FURTHERMORE of Our ample Grace and Favour, and for the better Maintenance and Support of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, We will and grant by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, to the aforesaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the aforesaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Buckingham*, are, and shall be Persons able and capable in the Laws or Breif in Our Court of

Chancery first had, obtained, followed, and returned, to enquire, receive, and take to them, and their Successors, or otherwise, Governments, Manors of Lands, Rents, Reversions, Services, Hereditaments, Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Jurisdictions, and all other Privileges whatsoever, within the Borough of *Buckingham*, situate, lying, and being, which are not immediately holden of Us *in capite*, or by Knights Service, nor by any other Person or Persons by Knights Service, so that the said Governments, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Jurisdictions, and Privileges exceed not the yearly Value of twenty Marks. FURTHERMORE We will and grant by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, to the aforesaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the aforesaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, may have, hold, and shall have and hold to them for ever, one Market every *Tuesday* in every Week, in the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, to be held and kept: And two Fairs to be there yearly kept and held, of which Fairs the first to begin at twelve o'Clock of St. *Matthew's* Day, and to continue 'till twelve o'Clock the next Day; and the other to begin at twelve o'Clock of the Feast-Day of St. *Mark* the Evangelist, and to continue 'till twelve o'Clock the next Day, together with the Beast-Market to continue during the Time of those Fairs, together with the Stallage, Fines, Amercements, and all other Profits, Commodities, *etc.* whatsoever, having, belonging, growing, or arising from such Fairs or Markets, together with all Commodities, Liberties, and Customs, to such Markets and Fairs belonging or appertaining, to the proper Use and behoof of the said *Bailiff*, *Burgesses*, and *Commonalty* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being, of them with all their Commodities, Liberties, and Customs, belonging and appertaining to such Markets and Fairs, to be taken and used, unless the said Markets and Fairs be to the Hurt of the neighbour Markets, *etc.* And wherefore We will and command for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, for ever, have and enjoy the said Markets and Fairs, unless that Market and Fairs be to the Hurt of neighbour Markets and Fairs. AND MOREOVER, of Our further Grace We grant and will by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do grant to the aforesaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors for ever, to limit, assign, and appoint one Prison or Goal in some convenient Place within the Borough aforesaid, at their Discretion, for the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, or their Deputies, or their *Steward*, to take and keep in, from Time to Time, all such Persons as shall be found and taken worthy to be sent to Prison, and there to be safely kept until they thence be delivered according to the Form of Law. FURTHER ye shall know, that of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Favour, We have granted for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, and by these Presents do grant to the aforesaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and to their Successors, *vive pledge*, i. e. Session or Leets of all and singular their

their Inhabitants, either wholly dwelling or not wholly residing and inhabiting within the foresaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and within the Limits and Bounds belonging to the old Borough of *Buckingham*, and all Things which appertain to the said Frank-Pledge, *i. e.* Leets, or may or ought to belong and appertain, to be kept and held in the afore said Common Hall or House within the said Borough of *Buckingham*, to wit, twice in the Year: One Time within a Month after the Feast of *St. Michael*, and the other Time within a Month after *Easter*: To be kept before the said *Bailiff* and *Steward* of the said Borough and Parish afore said, only for the Time being, and yearly to be kept, to render unto Us, our Heirs, and Successors, yearly, for the Fee and Profits of the foresaid Courts, and for the Markets and Fairs afore said, twenty Shillings, at the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, to be paid into the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors. And the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* may and shall have all and singular Fines, Rents, Charges, Amercements, and all other Profits coming, growing, or arising by any Means from and concerning the Frank-Pledge, *i. e.* Leet or Session, to the proper Use and Behalf of the said *Bailiff*, *Burgesses*, and *Commonalty* afore said, of the afore said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being, of them to be taken and employed. FURTHERMORE, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, We do grant and declare, that the Bounds, Limits, Meeres, Circuits, and Precincts of the Borough and Parish afore said, extend and stretch forth themselves by and through the whole Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and is buttet out by a certain Bridge called *Dudley Bridge*, situate at the *West End* of the same Parish, unto the Bridge called *Thornborough Bridge*, situate at the *East End* of the said Parish, and by a certain little River running and lying on the *North Part* of the said Parish, called *Chakemoë-Brook*, unto the Bridge situate and lying on the *South Part* of the said Parish called *Padbury Mill Bridge*; and that all and singular Messuages, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Waste Fields, and Grounds whatsoever, within the said Bounds, Meers, and Limits, for the rest be, and shall be, and are reputed to be Parts and Parcels of the foresaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, now by these Presents, as is said, erected and incorporated into a Body Politick. AND FURTHER, of Our mere ample Grace, We will, and for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, by these Presents, We grant to the afore said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, of the afore said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and to their Successors, that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, may and shall have within the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham* afore said, and within the Meers, Bounds, Limits, and Liberties of the same Borough and Parish, an Assize, and Measure, or Weight of Bread, Wine, and Beer, and of other Victuals, and also a Measure and Weight for all Things, for the Amendment, Punishment, and Correction of them so often as it shall be needful and expedient. As also they may and shall have all and all Manner of Fines, Redemptions, and Amercements, and all other thence growing or arising. And that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, by their own Common Council, or by the greater Part of them, from thenceforth

have and shall have Authority, Power, and Liberty, to make, constitute, ordain, and enact, from Time to Time, Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances whatsoever, for the Government and well ordering of the Inhabitants, and for the victualling of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*; and for the better Government and ordering of the same: So that the said Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, be not repugnant or contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Kingdom, or to Our own Prerogative, Our Heirs, and Successors.

MORROVER, and upon Our further Grace We will, and upon Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, by these Presents, We grant to the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, of the aforesaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and to their Successors, that the said *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, from Time to Time, shall every Year to come hereafter for ever upon the Feast-Day of the Holy Apostle *Philip* and *Jacob*, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon, shall meet and assemble, and may assemble in the aforesaid Hall or House, or in some other convenient Place, within the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and there they may nominate and assign two Men then being *Principal Burgesses* of the said Borough, before other Inhabitants of the said Borough, there being present, to the Intent that other Men, and other Inhabitants of the said Borough there being present, or the greater Part of them, may and do choose one of the two *Burgesses* so named and assigned, to be named or assigned to the Office of the *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and he so named and chosen to be and abide the *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish for the Year then following. Which said Person, so elected to the Office of *Bailiff*, after his corporal Oath in due Manner taken and performed, shall bear the Office of the *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Year next coming, *to wit*, from the Feast of the Holy Apostle *Philip* and *Jacob*, unto the Feast of the Holy Apostle *Philip* and *Jacob* then next following: And in that Feast-Day until one other Person be chosen to the said Office, and sworn in due Manner to the faithful Performance of the said Office. AND We will, and by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, We grant to the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, that every Person hereafter to be chosen to the Office of *Bailiff*, of the aforesaid Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, shall take his corporal Oath before his last Predecessor in the said Office, if his said Predecessor be alive and then present; and that if the said Predecessor be then dead or absent, then before the *Steward*, or his sufficient Deputy and other *Burgesses*, of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, being then and there present, of his faithful Execution of the said Office of *Bailiff*. And if, and so often as it shall happen, any Person then being *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, do die or be removed from his Office during the Time he is *Bailiff* of the said Borough, that then and so often the *Burgesses* of the said Borough that are then living, and being at the same Time present, or the greater Part of them, shall and may meet and assemble in the said House  
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and Place upon a certain Day, appointed within eight Days next following the Death or Removal of the aforesaid *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and there they shall nominate and assign two Persons of the Number of the aforesaid *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish, in the Presence of other the Inhabitants of the said Borough and Parish then and there being present, to the Intent that other Men, and the Inhabitants of the said Borough and Parish being there present, or greater Part of them, may and do choose one of these two *Burgesses* so named and assigned, to be named or assigned to the Office of the *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and him to be and remain *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, until the Feast of the Holy Apostle *Philip* and *Jacob* then next following; and in the said Feast-Day until a new *Bailiff* be elected, and rightly sworn to the faithful Discharge of the said Office: And that the said Person so chosen, or any Person so to be chosen *Bailiff* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, shall take his corporal Oath before the *Steward*, or his sufficient Deputy and other *Principal Burgesses*, of the said Borough and Parish, for the faithful Execution of the said Office of *Bailiff*, in Manner and Form aforesaid. AND FURTHERMORE We will, and of our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, We grant by these Presents, to the aforesaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and to their Successors, that then and so often as it shall happen any one of these *Principal Burgesses*, of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, for the Time being, shall die, or depart and dwell without the said Borough and Parish, or shall for some Cause or Reason be removed from his Office of *Burgeship*, that then and so often it may and shall be lawful to the *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish, or the greater Part of the *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish, for the Time being, from Time to Time, and when it shall seem pleasing and convenient unto them, within the Space of fourteen Days next following the Death or Removal of the said *Burgesses*, to meet together at their Pleasure in the said House, and there to nominate and choose one or more other Persons then inhabiting the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and such as yet are not *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish, and the same so to be *Burges*s or *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish aforesaid during their Life. And every such Person so nominated and elected, to be named and elected to the Office of *Burgeship* of the aforesaid Borough and Parish, shall take his Corporal Oath before the *Bailiff* of the said Borough, well and faithfully to execute the Office of the *Principal Burges*s of the said Borough and Parish aforesaid. AND FURTHERMORE We will, and by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, We grant to the foresaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and to their Successors, that when and so often as it may chance the *Steward* of the said Borough and Parish, for the Time being, to die, or for some reasonable Cause to be removed from his Office, that then and so often as it shall happen, it may and shall be lawful to the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough, or the greater Part of the said *Burgesses*, for the Time being, from Time to Time, when and so often as it shall

shall please them and it shall seem expedient, to meet together at their Pleasure in the said Common Hall or House within the said Borough, within eight Days next following the Death or Removal of the said *Steward*, and there to name and choose one other Person an honest Man to be accounted *Steward* of the said Borough and Parish during his Life, or otherwise, as it shall seem fit and expedient to the *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* of the said Borough and Parish, or the greater Part of them, for the Time being; and that every Person so named and elected, or so to be named and elected to the Office of the said *Steward* of the said Borough and Parish, shall take his Corporal Oath before the *Bailiff* of the Borough and Parish, to exercise and perform Justice, and other Things which belong to the Office of a *Steward*, well and faithfully to be performed by him, or his sufficient Deputy. AND MOREOVER We will and command by these Our Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, We grant and ordain, that there may and shall be in the said Borough two *Burgesses* of Our Parliament, Our Heirs, and Successors: And that the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and their Successors, upon Our Writ, or the Writ of Our Heirs, or Successors, directed to them for and concerning the Election of *Burgesses* of Parliament, have and shall have Power, Authority, and Liberty of choosing and nominating two discreet and honest Men which shall be *Burgesses* of Our Parliament, of Our Heirs, and Successors, for the said Borough. And the said *Burgesses* so chosen, at the Costs and Charges of the said Borough and Parish, and the Commonalty of the same, they shall send to Our Parliament, or Parliaments of Our Heirs, and Successors, wheresoever it shall then be holden, in the same Manner and Form as in other Boroughs of this Kingdom of *England*, and as in the antient Borough of *Buckingham*, it hath been usual and accustomed; which said *Burgesses* so chosen and named, We will to be present, and to make their Stay at Our Parliament, or the Parliaments of Our Heirs and Successors, at the Cost and Charges of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, and of the Commonalty of the same, during the Time that such Parliament shall be held, in like Manner and Form as other *Burgesses* of Parliament, for what every other Borough, or Boroughs whatsoever, within Our Kingdom of *England*, do or have accustomed to do, which said *Burgesses* in such Our said Parliaments, of Our Heirs, and Successors, shall have their Voices as well affirmative as negative, and shall do and execute all and singular such Things which other *Burgesses* or *Burgess* of Our Parliament, for what other Boroughs or Borough have do or execute by any Means or Manner whatsoever. AND We will, and by these Presents do ordain and grant that the said *John Lambert*, *Bailiff* of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham* aforesaid, and his Successors, *Bailiffs* of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, be and shall be Our Justice, the Justice of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, to keep the Peace of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, within the said Borough, and that they have full Power and Authority to keep the Peace of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, and to do and execute all other Things which do appertain to a Justice of Our Peace, of Our Heirs, and Successors, to be done and executed in any of Our

Counties of *England*, for the good keeping of the Peace of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, for the quiet ordering and sound Government of Our People, Our Heirs, and Successors, in all and singular their Articles within the Borough aforesaid, according to the Force, and Form, and Effect of the Statutes and Ordinances hereafter to be made, kept, and observed; as also all those they shall find doing or offending against the Form and Effect of the Statutes and Ordinances aforesaid, that they cause them to be punished according to the Laws of Our Land. And that they hear and determine all and singular Things according to the Law and Custom of Our Realm of *England*, so fully and largely, and in so ample Manner and Form as other Justices of Our Peace in Our County of *Buckingham*, or elsewhere, within Our Realm of *England*, heretofore have had or exercised, or shall have and exercise for Time to come without the Borough and Liberties aforesaid. Yet so notwithstanding that the said Justice of Peace within the said Borough and Parish aforesaid, for the Time being, do not exceed to the Determination of any Felony, without special Commandment of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors; saving unto Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, all and singular Fines, Amercements, Redemptions, and other Profits arising and growing from the Office of Justice of the said Justice of Peace. AND FURTHER of our ample Grace, We grant, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, We grant to the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, that they, and their Successors, may have the Return of all Our Writs and Attachments, and the Executions of the same, so that no *Sheriff*, or other *Bailiff*, or *Officer* of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, shall enter into that Liberty to the Execution of Our Writs, and Summons, and Attachments, or to exercise any other Office there, unless in the Want of the said *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, and their Successors, and of other Officers in that Place. AND MOREOVER, of Our special Grace We have granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do grant to the aforesaid *Bailiff* and *Burgesses*, that the said *Bailiff* for the Time to be chosen, and for one Year then coming, so soon as he shall be chosen to be *Bailiff*, is and shall be Escheator and Coroner for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, and Clerk of Our Market of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, within the Borough aforesaid; and that he do and execute all and singular those Things which appertain and belong to the Offices of Escheator, Coroner, and Clerk of the Market, to be performed and executed within the Borough aforesaid: And that he shall take his Oath for the Offices of Escheator, and Coroner, and Clerk of the Market, to be well and truly performed and executed by him, the said *Bailiff*, before the old *Bailiff* and *Burgesses* aforesaid, of the Borough of *Buckingham*, before he take unto him the said Offices of Escheator, Coroner, and Clerk of the Market; and that no other Escheator, Coroner, or Clerk of Our Market, Our Heirs, and Successors, shall by no other Means or Manner enter he or they into the said Borough and Precincts thereof, or shall he or they bring in themselves to do or execute any Thing which belong to the Office of Escheator, Coroner, or Clerk of the Market, there to be done and executed. We will moreover, and by these Presents, do grant to the said *Bailiff*



*Bailiff* and *Burgeses* of the said Borough and Parish of *Buckingham*, that they may and shall have these Our *Letters Patent* under Our Great Seal of *England*, made and sealed in as due Manner, without Fine or Fee, great or little, to be given, paid, or rendered into Our Exchequer or elsewhere, to Our Use, by any Means, because of an expreis Mention of the true yearly Value, or of any other Value or Certainty of the Premisses, or any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants made by Us, or any of Our Progenitors, to the aforesaid *Bailiff* or *Burgeses* of the Borough and Parish of *Buckingham* aforesaid, or to their Predecessors, made before these Times: And by these Presents it doth not appear, or by any Statutes, Act, Ordination, Provision, or Restitution therein to the contrary made or published, ordained or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding. IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our *Letters Patent* to be made. WITNESS Ourselves at *Westminster*, the twenty-seventh Day of *January*, in the first Year of Our Reign.

Though the Charter of King *Charles II*, is already printed in the second Edition of *Notitia Parliamentaria*, Vol I. yet, as it is deemed valid by several, and remains unsundered in the Borough-Chest among the Corporation Archives, and the Town acts by Virtue of it in some Particulars; it is judged proper to reprint it here also, and give it a Place after the former.

**CAROLUS SECUNDUS**, Dei Gratiâ, *Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae* Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc. Omnibus ad quos praesentes literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem. Cum Burgus et Parochia nostra de *Buckingham* in Comitatu nostro *Buck'*, sit Burgus et Parochia Antiq' Fidelis; et Populus et Burgeses et Inhabitantes ejusdem, per Literas Patentes Dominae *MARIAE* nuper Reginae *Angliae* gerentes dat' vicesimo-septimo die *Januarii*, Anno Regni sui primo, Incorporat' fuerunt per nomen *Ballivi* et *Burgenfium* Burgi et Parochiae de *Buckingham* in Com' *Buck'* ac, virtute earundem Literarum Patenrium et aliter, diversas Libertates, Franchefias, Immunitates, Potestates, Authoritates, Privilegia, et Preheminentias habuerunt, usi vel gravifi fuerunt: Cumque nuper *Ballivus* et *Burgeses* Burgi praedicti, per scriptum sub communi Sigillo suo gerens datum tricesimo-primo die *Octobris* jam ultimo praeterito, Literas Patentes praedictas, et omnia Privilegia, Franchefias, Libertates, Terras, Tenementa, Bona, Catalla, et Hereditamenta sua quaecunque nobis sursum reddiderunt, quam quidem sursum redditionem acceptavimus ac per praesentes acceptamus: SCIATIS quod nos meliorationem Burgi et Parochiae praedictae gratiosè affectantes, de gratiâ nostrâ speciali ac ex certâ Scientiâ et mero motu nostris, volumus, ordinamus, constituimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris volumus, ordinavimus, constituimus, et concedimus, quod dict' Burgus et Parochia de *Buck'* in dicto Comitatu nostro *Buck'* de caetero sint et erint *Liber Burgus de se*, ac quod *Burgeses* et Inhabitantes Burgi et Parochiae *Buckingham* praedict' de caetero sint et erint unum Corpus Corporatum et Politicum in re, facto et nomine imperpetuum per nomen **MAJORIS** et

et ALDERMANNORUM Fidelis Burgi et Parochiae de *Buckingham*, in Com' *Buck'* perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturum; et eos et Successores suos, per nomen *Majoris* et *Aldermannorum* Fidelis Burgi et Parochiae praedictae unum Corpus Corporatum et Politicum in re, facto et nomine pro nobis, Heredibus et Successoribus nostris erigimus, facimus, ordinamus, creamus, constituimus, confirmamus, et declaramus per praesentes; et quod per idem nomen et sub eodem nomine placitare et implacitari, sequi, et defendere et defendi, respondere et responderi, valeant et possint, et omnibus curiis et locis nostris Heredum et Successorum nostrorum, ac in aliis curiis et locis quibuscunque tam in omnibus et singulis actionibus, sectis, querelis, causis et demandis realiter et personaliter seu mixtis quam in omnibus et singulis aliis causis, negotiis et materiis quibuscunque: Quodque iidem *Major* et *Aldermanni* et Successores sui habeant et habebunt commune Sigillum pro omnibus causis et negotiis suis agendis et tractandis; ac quod bene liceat et licebit eis et successoribus suis sigillum illud ad libitum suum frangere, mutare et de novo facere. Ac etiam volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris constituimus et ordinamus, quod sint et erint unus *Major* et duodecim *Aldermanni* commorantes et inhabitantes infra dictam parochiam de *Buckingham*; et quod quaelibet persona, ad officium *Aldermanni*, Burgi et Parochiae praedictae imposterum eligendae et nominandae, sit et erit *pater familias*, Anglicè *an Householder*, infra Burgum vel Parochiam praedictam; et habebit et tenebit sibi et heredibus suis terras, tenementa libera ad clarum annum valorem *quinque librarum*, aut habebit seu valebit in bonis et catallis ad valorem *centum librarum*, et lot et scot solvet et contribuet. Ac etiam volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus et ordinamus, quod in dicto Burgo et Parochia de *Buck'* sit et erit unus officarius, qui vocabitur et erit *Seneschallus* ejusdem Burgi et Parochiae, ad ea omnia et singula quae ad officium suum pertinent et pertinere debent faciendae et exequendae per se vel sufficientem deputatum suum sive deputatos suos sufficientes, ab hujusmodi deputati sacramento corporali pro debita executione officii praedicti coram *Seneschallo* pro tempore existente prius praestito. Et ut omnia et singula praemissa debite et uberius sortiantur effectus SCIATIS quod nos, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, ASSIGNAVIMUS, nominavimus, fecimus et ordinavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus, nominamus, facimus, et ordinamus dilectum nobis, THOMAM HILLSDON, probum virum et inhabitantem dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck'* praedictae fore et esse primum et modernum *Majorem* Burgi de Parochiae de *Buckingham* praedictae et ad officium *Majoris* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae fidelis per sacramentum suum exequendae usque die lunae proxime sequentem festum sancti *Michaelis Archangeli* proximae futurum, et ab eodem die quousque unus alius persona electus ad officium illud fideliter exequendae debito modo juratus fuerit. Ac etiam assignavimus, nominavimus, fecimus et ordinavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus, nominamus, facimus et ordinamus dilectos et fideles subditos nostros Hugonem *Ethersey*, Georgium *Dancer*, Walterum *Arnet*, Pelham *Sandwell*,

*Willbelmum Hartley, Thomam Sbeen, Henricum Heyward, Georgium Carter, Nathanielem Kent, Jonathānem Seaton, Edwardum Purcell, et Thomam Atterbury* generosos, inhabitantes dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck'* fore et esse primos et modernos *duodecim Aldermannos* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae; ac illos et successores vel majorem partem eorum fore et esse, super eorum sacramentum corporale praestitum, commune concilium Burgi et Parochiae praedict' continuand' in dictis officiis durantibus vitis naturalibus respective, nisi pro rationabili causā amotus erit, aut eorum aliqui amoti erunt per *Majorem* et *Aldermannos* Burgi et Parochiae praedict' pro tempore existentes vel majorem partem eorum. Necnon ASSIGNAVIMUS, nominamus, facimus et ordinamus *Richardum Temple* de Balneo Militem et Baronetum fore et esse primum et modernum *Seneschallum* praedicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck'* durante vita suā naturali, ad exercendum, faciendum, et exequendum super ejus sacramentum, *Justiciarii* et alia quae ad officium *Seneschalli* pertinent aut pertinere debent, per se vel per sufficientem deputatum suum sive deputatos sufficientes suos. ET ULTERIUS volumus, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, per praesentes concedimus praefatis *Majori* et *Aldermannis* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck'* quod ipsi et successores sui habeant et teneant, ac habere et tenere valeant et possint quandam curiam coram *Majore*, tribus *Aldermannis*, et *Seneschallo* Burgi et Parochiae praedict' vel ejus sufficienti deputato pro tempore existente, si idem *Major* tunc praesens fuerit, et si absens, tunc coram seniore *Aldermanno* qui fuerit in paroch' tunc praesent' tribus aliis *Aldermannis*, et *Seneschallo* Burgi et Parochiae praedict' vel ejus sufficiente deputato, pro tempore existente, in quadam communi aulā, vel alio loco in eodem *Burgo* magis conveniente, de tribus *septimanis* in tres *septimanas* tenend' imperpetuum; et quod iidem *Major*, tres *Aldermanni* et *Seneschallus*, vel ejus sufficiens deputat' sive deputat' sui sufficientes, habeant plenam potestatem, et auctoritatem audiendi et terminandi in eorum curiis pro querelis in eadem levand' omnia et singula placita, querel' et actiones de omnibus et omnimodis debitis, compactis, conventionibus, contractibus, transgressionibus vi et armis seu aliter in contempt' nostri vel heredum aut successorum nostrorum fact' convent' detent' decept' vetit' namio et aliis rebus et actionibus realiter, personaliter, et mixtis quibuscunque; tam infra praedict' Burgum et Parochiam de *Buck'* ac limites, bundas, et libertates ejusdem, quam infra, trium *bundredorum* de *Buck'* in comitatu nostro *Buck'* quovis modo emergentibus, sive emergendis, dummodò eadem debita compact' convent' contract' transgression' et aliae actiones non excedant summum seu valorem *quadraginta librarum*. ET INSUPER volumus, ac, per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* dicti Burgi et Parochiae nostrae de *Buck'* et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui vel major pars eorum tunc praesens habeant, et habebunt plenam potestatem, facultatem et auctoritatem, assignand' nominand' constituend' et appunctuand' quoties et quandocunque eis placuerit unam idoneam personam ad officium *servientis ad clavam* Burgi et Parochiae in curiā praedict' durante beneplacito *Majoris* pro tempore deservitur' in loco *Subballivi* qui habeat, teneat

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et gaudeat, ac habere, tenere, et gaudere valeat et possit totam, tantam, talem, eandem et hujusmodi potestatem, auctoritatem, privileg' et advantag' tam infra Burgum et Parochiam praedict', quam infra *hundred* praedict' quot, quant' qualiter et quae *subballivus* Burgi et Parochiae praedict' antehac habuit, tenuit, et gavissus fuerit, aut habere, tenere, uti et gaudere possit aut debuit: ET ULTERIUS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buckingham*, quod iidem *Major* et *Aldermanni* et successores sui habeant et teneant, ac habere et tenere valeant et possint imperpetuum unum *mercatum* quolibet die *sabbati* singulis septimanis in dicto Burgo et Parochia de *Buck* tenendum et custodiendum pro emptione et venditione omnium et omnimodorum averiorum et pecudum; ac duas nundinas sive ferias ibidem annuatim tenendas et custodiend'; quarum un' nundin' sive una feria incipere et tent' sit, in, et super secundum diem lunae proximum post festum *Epiph'*; et aliud earundem nundin' sive *feriarum* incip' et tent' sit, in et super festum sancti *Matthaei* in quolibet anno; si non sit dies dominicus; si sit; tunc in crastino festi illius; una cum *curia pedis pulverizat'*, tenend' coram *Majore* durante tempore earundem feriarum sive nundinarum tenend' simul cum stallag', pinnag', finibus, amerciamentis et omnibus aliis proficuis commoditatibus et emolumentis quibuscunque hujusmodi *mercatis* nundinis sive feriis et *curiis pedis pulverizat'* provenient' accident' emergent' sive contingentibus ac cum omnibus commoditatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercat' nundin' sive ferias pertinentibus sive spectant' ad proprium opus et usum dicti *Majoris* et *Aldermannorum* et communitatis praedicti Burgi et Paroch' de *Buck* pro tempore existentium capiend' et convertend', nisi mercatum illud et feriae illae sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum: AC ETIAM de ampliori gratia nostra volumus ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris per praesentes concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* praedicti Burgi et Paroch' de *Buck* et successoribus suis, quod *Major* et *Aldermanni* dicti Burg' et Paroch' de *Buck* pro tempore existent', vel major pars eorundem de tempore in tempus quolibet anno de caetero imperpetuum, in primo die lunae in mense Septembris inter horas nonam et duodecimam ante meridiem ejusdem diei, convenient et convenire valeant et possint in praedicta aula et domo, aut aliquo alio loco conveniente infra praedict' Burgum et Parochiam de *Buckingham*, et ibidem nominare et assignare valeant et possint duos homines tunc existentes *Aldermannos* ejusdem Burgi et Parochiae coram aliis ejusdem Burgi et Parochiae inhabitantibus adtunc et ibidem praesentibus, ad intentionem quod alii homines, qui sunt patres familias et inhabitantes Burgi antiqui et liberi homines facti per *Majorem* et commune consilium qui sunt patres familias in Parochia praedict', et extra Burgum praedict', ad tunc et ibidem praesentibus, aut major pars eorundem, eligant et eligere valeant et possint unum ex illis duobus *Aldermannis*, et sic nominat' et assignat' nominandus et assignandus ad officium *Majoris* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck* ac fore et esse *Major* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae pro anno tunc sequente: Qui quidem homo sic ad of-

ficiū *Majoris* elect' post corporale sacramentum suū debito modo factum et praestitum geret officium *Majoris* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck'* pro uno anno tunc futuro, viz. a primo die lunae proxim' post festum *Sancti Michaelis Archangeli* proxim' sequens talem electionem usque ad primum diem lunae post festum *Sancti Michaelis Archangeli* tunc proxime sequens, et inde ab illo die quosque una alia persona ad officium illud electa erit et debito modo jurata ad officium illud fideliter exequendum. ET VOLUMUS ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis*, quod quaelibet persona ad officium *Majoris* praedict' Burgi et Paroch' de *Buck'* imposterum electa, sacramentum capiet et praestet corporale in primo die lunae proximo post festum *Sancti Michaelis* praedict' coram ultimo predecessore suo in eodem officio, si idem praedeccessor superstes sit et tunc praesens fuerit, et si idem praedeccessor suus mortuus vel absens fuerit, tunc coram *Seneschallo* vel ejus sufficiente deputato et aliis *Aldermannis* praedicti Burgi et Paroch' de *Bucks* ibid' praesent' pro fidei executione officii dicti *Majoris*; et si ac quoties contigit aliquam personam existentem *Majorem* praedict' Burgi et Paroch' de *Bucks* obire vel ab officio suo amoveri, durante tempore quo sit *Major* ejusdem Burgi, quod tunc et quoties *Aldermanni* ejusdem Burgi superviventes, pro tempore existentes, vel major pars eorundem convenient et convenire valeant et possint, in dicto domo et loco ad certum diem praefixum infra octo dies proximè sequentes mortem vel amotionem dicti *Majoris* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Bucks*, et ibidem nominare et assignare valeant et possint duas personas de numero praedictorum *Aldermannorum* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae, coram aliis dicti Burgi et Parochiae inhabitantibus ac tunc et ibidem praesentibus, ea intentione quod unus eorum sit electus modo praecantea pro electione *Majoris* appunctuato, fore et esse *Major* dicti Burgi et Parochiae usque ad primum diem lunae proxim' post festum *Sancti Michaelis Archangeli* ad tunc proxim' sequens, et quousque novus *Major* elect' ad officium illud fideliter exequendum debito modo juratus fuerit: Quodque eadem persona sic elect' et quaelibet persona sic eligend' *Major* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Bucks* sacramentum capiet et praestet corporale coram *Seneschallo* vel ejus sufficiente deputato et aliis *Aldermannis* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae tunc et ibidem praesentibus pro fidei executione dicti officii *Majoris*, modo et forma praedict': AC ULTERIUS volumus ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, per praesentes concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* et successoribus suis, quod quoties et quandocunque contingat aliquem duodecim' *Aldermannorum* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck'* pro tempore existent' obire, sive extra dictum Burgum et Parochiam habitare, vel ab officio suo *Aldermanni* ejusdem Burgi pro aliqua causa amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit *Majori* et *Aldermannis* praedicti Burgi et Parochiae vel majori parti *Aldermannorum* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae pro tempore existent' de tempore in tempus, cum et quando eis placuerit et expediens videbitur, infra quatuordecim dies proxime sequentes mortem sive amotionem dictorum *Aldermannorum* in dicta domo ad libitum suum convenire, et ibidem nominare et eligere unam aut plures alias personas tunc inhabitantes dicti Burgi et Parochiae

Parochiae de *Bucks*, et adtunc non existentes *Aldermannos* eorundem Burgi et Parochiae, fore et esse *Aldermannum* seu *Aldermannos* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae durante vita sua: Et quod quaelibet persona sic nominat et electa a tempore hujusmodi electionis erit *Aldermannus* seu erunt *Aldermanni* ipsius Burgi et Parochiae, durante vita ejus vel eorum, nisi pro rationabili causa ab officio illo amotus erit vel amoti erunt per *Majorem* et alios *Aldermannos* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Bucks* pro tempore existent vel majorem partem eorundem, et quod quaelibet persona sic nominat et electa nominand et eligend ad officium *Alderman* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae bene et fideliter exercend: AC ULTERIUS volumus, et pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris per praesentes concedimus et ordinamus, quod sint et erint in dicto Burgo duo Burgenses Parliamento nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum, quodque praedictae *Major* et *Aldermanni* dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck* et successores sui vel major pars eorum tunc ibidem praesen super breve nostrum et heredum et successorum nostrorum de electione Burgensium Parliamento eis directum, habeant et habebunt potestatem, authoritatem et facultatem eligendi et nominandi duos discretos et probos viros fore Burgenses Parliamento nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum pro eodem Burgo et Parochia; eosdemque Burgenses sic electos ad onera et custagia dicti Burgi et Parochiae et Communitatis ejusdem mittent ad Parliamentum nostrum, heredum et successorum nostrorum, ubicunque adtunc tentum fuerit, eisdem modo et forma prout in aliis Burgis regni nostri *Angliae* usitatum et consuevit fuit; quos quidem *Burgenses* sic electos et nominatos volumus interesse et moram facere ad Parliamentum nostrum, heredum et successorum nostrorum, ad onera et custagia dicti Burgi et Parochiae de *Buckinghamia* et Communitatis eorundem, durante tempore quo hujusmodi Parliamentum teneri contigit, in consimilibus modo et forma prout alii Burgenses Parliamento pro quibuscunque aliis Burgis aut alio Burgo quocunque infra dictum regnum nostrum *Angliae* faciunt seu facere consueverunt. Et qui quidem Burgenses in hujusmodi Parlamento nostro, heredum et successorum nostrorum, habebunt voces suas tam *affirmativas* quam *negativas*, caeteraque omnia et singula ibidem facient et exequantur, quae alii Burgenses Parliamento nostri pro quibuscunque aliis Burgis aut alio Burgo quocunque habent, faciunt et exequantur, aut habere, facere et exequi valeant seu possint, ratione aut modo quocunque. ET VOLUMUS, et per praesentes ordinamus et concedimus, quod praedictus *Thomas Hillsdon* per praesentes constitutus et nominatus fore *Majorem* Burgi et Parochiae de *Buck* praedictae: Necnon quod *Richardus Temple* in his praesentibus nominatus et constitutus fore *Seneschallus* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae durante tempore quo in praedicto officio respective continuabunt; necnon *Major* et *Seneschallus* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae pro tempore existentes ac quilibet *Major* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae pro uno anno integro proxime sequente *Majoralitem* suam, sint et erint Justiciarii nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum, ad pacem nostram, heredum et successorum nostrorum infra praedictum Burgum et Parochiam conservandam; ac quod illi et quilibet eorum plenam habeant potestatem et authoritatem ad pacem nostram, heredum et successorum nostrorum conservandam,

vandam, et ad omnia alia facienda et exequenda quae ad Justiciarium pacis nostrae, heredum et successorum nostrorum in aliquo Comitatu nostro *Angliae* pertinent, faciendum et exequendum, pro bona custodia pacis nostrae, heredum et successorum nostrorum, ac quieto regimine et sana gubernatione populi nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum, in omnibus et singulis suis articulis infra Burgum vel Parochiam praedictam, juxta vim, formam et effectum statutorum et ordinationum superinde editorum custodiendum et custodiri faciendum, et ad omnia illa contra vim et effectum statutorum et ordinationum praedictorum inventa faciendum sive delinquendum secundum legem terrae nostrae puniri faciendum; ac illi sive duo eorum, quorum *Majorem* et *Seneschallum* pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus, ulterius habent potestatem ibidem ad ea omnia et singula audienda et terminanda, secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri *Angliae*, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Justiciarii pacis in Comitatu *Buck*, seu alibi infra regnum nostrum *Angliae*, antehac habuerunt vel exercuerunt seu habebunt et exercebunt in futurum extra Burgum et libertates praedictas; ita tamen quod dicti Justiciarii pacis, infra dictum Burgum et Parochiam de *Buckinghamia* praedicta pro tempore existentes, ad determinationem alicujus feloniae absque speciali mandato nostro, heredum vel successorum nostrorum non procedant. ET INSUPER volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus, *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis, quod de caetero imperpetuum quilibet Major Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successor suus pro tempore existens de caetero imperpetuum habeat, teneat, gaudeat, et exerceat, ac habere, tenere, gaudere, et exercere valeat et possit tales curias, officium et officia, ac etiam tot, tanta, talia, eadem, hujusmodi et consimilia potestates, privilegia, auctoritates, jura, jurisdictiones, perquisita, et proficua, ad omnia intentiones et proposita quaecunque quot, quanta, qualia et quae Ballivus Burgi et Parochiae praedictae antehac quoquo modo habuit, tenuit, exercuit, et gavissus fuit, ac habere, tenere, exercere et gaudere potuit aut debuit. ET ULTERIUS concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus, *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis de caetero imperpetuum, quod *Aldermanni*, Burgi, et Parochiae praedictae et successores sui habeant, teneant, exercent et gaudeant, tot, tanta, talia, eadem, hujusmodi et consimilia potestates, privilegia, auctoritates, jura, jurisdictiones, perquisita et proficua ad omnia intentiones et proposita quaecunque, quot, quanta, qualia, et quae capitales Burgeneses Burgi et Parochiae praedictae conjunctim et divisim antehac habuerunt, tenuerunt, et gavisi fuerunt, aut habere, tenere, et gaudere potuerunt aut debuerunt. VOLUMUS etiam, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris assignavimus, nominavimus, constituimus, et facimus *Johannem Upston* fore et esse primum et modernum servientem ad clavam Burgi et Parochiae praedictae. VOLUMUS insuper ac concessimus, ac per praesentes, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis, quod quilibet *Major* post executionem officii *Majoris* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae de caetero imperpetuum

perpetuum sit et erit unus de duodecim *Aldermannis* et de Communi concilio Burgi et Parochiae praedictae, continuandus in dicto officio durante vita sua naturali. Et ULTERIUS per praesentes, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus et declaramus, quod praedictus *Thomas Hillsdon*, in his praesentibus nominatus constitutus fore *Majorem* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae, tempore ejus exitus officii illius *Majoris* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae antecedit et habeat et capiat praecedentiam praedicti *Jonathan Seaton* superius in his praesentibus nominati et constituti fore unum de *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae. ET ULTERIUS concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus et praecipimus, quod *Major* per praesentes nominatus et constitutus, antequam ad separale officium illud exequendum admittatur, separale sacramentum super sanctum *Johannem Evangelistam* pro executione praedicti officii et fiducia *Majoris*, *Aldermanni*, et Justiciarii pacis, necnon juramentum in ea parte per leges et statuta hujus regni nostri *Angliae* provisum a Justiciario pacis praestari requisitum praestabit coram praefato *Ricardo Temple*, cui quidem *Ricardo Temple* dandi et administrandi hujusmodi sacramentum et juramentum praefato *Thomae Hillsdon* plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes, absque alio Warranto vel commissione in ea parte a nobis procurandum aut obtinendum. VOLUMUS etiam et praecipimus, quod Seneschallus, *Aldermanni* et Serviens ad Clavam, in his praesentibus nominati et constituti, et eorum successores respective, Sacramentum Corporale ad omnia et singula Officia sua praedicta et Officium Justiciarii pacis respective tangentia bene et fideliter exequenda coram praefato *Majore* pro tempore existente praestabunt, et eorum quilibet praestabit. Cui quidem *Majori* dandi et administrandi hujusmodi sacramentum respective plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes absque aliquo alio warranto vel commissione a nobis ea parte procurando aut obtinendo. PROVISO semper, ac plenam potestatem et auctoritatem nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris per praesentes reservamus de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora imposterum ad majorem Seneschallum, deputatum Seneschalli, Servientem ad clavam, et Justiciarium ad pacem Burgi et Parochiae praedictae pro tempore existentem, seu eorum aliquem vel aliquos ad libitum et beneplacitum nostrum, heredum vel successorum nostrorum per aliquem ordinem nostrum vel heredum seu successorum nostrorum in privato concilio factum et sub sigillo privati concilii praedicti eisdem significatum ad amovend' et amot' vel amotos esse declarandum. Et quoties nos, heredes vel successores nostri per aliquem talem ordinem in privato concilio factum declarabimus vel declarabunt hujusmodi majorem Seneschallum, deputatum Seneschalli, Servientem ad clavam, vel Justiciarium ad pacem Burgi et Parochiae praedictae pro tempore existentem, fore et esse amotum vel amotos a respectivis officiis suis praedictis, quod tunc et adtunc major Seneschallus, deputatus Seneschalli, Serviens ad clavam, vel Justiciarius ad pacem Burgi et Parochiae pro tempore existens sic amotum vel amotos esse declaratos sive declarandos et separabilibus et respectivis Officiis suis ipso facto et sine ulteriori processu realiter et ad omnia intentiones et proposita quaecunque amotus sit et erit, amoti sint et erint, et



hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit, aliquo in contrarium inde non obstante. Et ULTERIUS, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa Scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis potestatem pro se vel majorem partem eorum eligendi Seneschallum et ordinandi Ordinationes de tempore in tempus pro regimine Burgi et Parochiae praedictae, necnon licentiam specialem ac liberam et licitam potestatem et auctoritatem habendi, perquirendi, recipiendi, et possidendi sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascua, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, rectorias, decimas, redditus, reventiones, et alia hereditamenta quaecunque, tam de nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris quam de aliqua alia persona vel aliquibus aliis personis quibuscunque, terras, tenementa, et alia hereditamenta sic impofterum perquirenda in toto non excedentia clarum annualem valorem centum librarum ultra omnia onera reprisa. Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio statuto, actu, ordinatione vel provisione ante hac hic facto, praedicto, ordinato, sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re, causa vel materia in contrarium inde in aliquo non obstante. DAMUS etiam, ac per praesentes, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus omnibus et singulis quibuscunque subditis nostris et cuicunque subdito nostro heredum et successorum nostrorum, licentiam specialem liberamque et licitam potestatem et auctoritatem, quod ipsi seu eorum aliquis vel aliqui aliquae maneria, terras, tenementa, messuagia, seu alia hereditamenta quaecunque praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis, dare, concedere, vendere, legare, vel alienare licite et impune possint et valeant, ita quod omnia praedicta Maneria, Messuagia, Terrae, Tenementa et alia Hereditamenta sic eisdem *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae ut praefertur danda, concedenda, alienanda, vel leganda in toto non excedant clarum annualem redditum sive valorem centum librarum ultra omnia onera et reprisa per annum, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio Statuto, actu, ordinatione, vel provisione antehac edito, facto, habito, ordinato, sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacunque in contrarium inde in aliquo non obstante. Et INSUPER, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus praefato *Majori* et *Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis et omnia et singula libertates, immunitates, franchesias, quietancias, consuetudines, potestates, exemptiones, terras, tenementa, hereditamenta nondum mercata, jura, jurisdictiones et alia quaecunque per Litteras Patentes praedictas nuper Reginae *Mariae* aut per aliquas alias Litteras Patentes nuper regum vel reginarum *Angliae* aut alio quocunque legali modo, Senticulo Ballivo, et Capitali, Burgenfi Burgi et Parochiae praedictae praecantea legitime concessa seu usitata, vel per eos vel per eorum aliquem per aliquod nomen sive per aliqua nomina incorporationis antehac legitime gavisa, et omnia quae Ballivo et Burgenfibus nobis nuper sursum reddiderunt et quo in aut per praesentes non mutata

mutata five alterata existunt. Ac INSUPER Volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefato *Majori et Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis, quod successores sui de caetero imperpetuum habeant, teneant, gaudeant, et exerceant, ac habere, tenere, gaudere, et exercere valeant et possint Burgum praedictum, et tot, tanta, talia, eadem et hujusmodi maneria, terras, tenementa et hereditamenta, nundinas, mercata, tolleta, bona, catalla, debita, credita, jura, jurisdictiones, libertates, potestates, privilegia, franchesias, quietantias, immunitates et consuetudines quaecunque, quot, quanta, qualia et quae, ac adeo plene libere et integre sicut nuper Ballivus et Burghenses Burgi et Parochiae praedictae vel praedecessores sui ea seu eorum aliquod aliquibus temporibus habuerunt, exercuerunt, usi et gavisi fuerunt, vel habere, exercere, gaudere et uti debuere, virtute Litterarum Patentium praedictarum, vel alicujus consuetudinis et praescriptionis, aut alio legali modo, jure, seu titulo quibuscunque, et quae in aut per praesentes non mutata five alterata existunt, HABEND' tenend' et gaudend' omnia et singula praemissa superius per praesentes concessa five mentionata fore concessa et quae per praesentes non sunt mutata five alterata praefato *Majori et Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis imperpetuum, TENEND' de nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris ut prius tenebantur, AC REDDEND' et solvend' nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris annuatim tot, tanta, talia, eadem et hujusmodi redditus, servitia, denariorum summas et demanda quaecunque, quot, quanta, qualia, pro praemissis seu pro eorum aliquo vel aliquibus reddi seu solvi debent. Et ULTERIUS Volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris concedimus *Majori et Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis, quod si Ballivus et Burghenses Burgi et Parochiae praedictae habuerunt, teneant, vel gavisi fuerunt aliqua libertate, privilegio, immunitate, potestate, franchesia, advantage sive auctoritate quaecunque, quae non sunt plene et sufficienter concessa *Majori et Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae praedictae, et quae in aut per praesentes non mutata five alterata existunt, quod tunc nos, heredes et successores nostri, super humilem petitionem *Majoris, Aldermannorum*, Burgi et Parochiae praedictae vel majoris partis eorum pro tempore existent', concedemus praefato *Majori et Aldermannis*, Burgi et Parochiae praedictae et successoribus suis omnia talia privilegia qualia antehac, ut praefertur, per Ballivum et Capitales Burghenses Burgi et Parochiae praedictae usi et gavisi fuerunt, et per praesentes non sunt concessa vel mutata absque aliquo fine magno vel parvo in Hano-perio nostro aut alibi, ad usum nostrum, heredum vel successorum nostrorum proinde solvendo vel faciendo. Eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo vel de certitudine praemissorum vel eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis five concessionibus, per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum five praedecessorum nostrorum praefato *Majori et Aldermannis* Burgi et Parochiae de *Buckingham* praedictae per aliquod nomen five per aliqua nomina antehac incorporati fuerunt, ante haec tempora factis in praesentibus minime factum existit, aut. aliquo Statuto vel aliqua alia re quacunque in aliquo non obstante.

IN CUJUS rei Testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes.  
TESTE meipso apud *Westm'* 25 Die *Julii*, Anno Regni nostri 36.

Per breve de Privato Sigillo.

PIGOTT.

Besides the thirteen Members specified by these Royal Charters, here are four Companies, viz. the *Mercers*, *Tanners*, *Butchers*, and *Merchant-Tailors*, each of which have their respective Wardens or Masters; and such as are made Freemen of this Town, must, by antient Custom, be Members of one of these Companies.

In the Visitation Book, in the Heralds Office in *London*, is this Entry made by WILLIAM HARVEY, Clarencieux King at Arms: Under the Delineation of the Coat of Arms of the Town of BUCKINGHAM, being A S W A N: "These are the antient Arms appertaining and belonging to the Town and Borough of *Buckingham*, and Parish of the same: And at this my present Visitation was *Thomas More*, Bailiff; *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. Steward, *John Lambert*, *John Gates*, *John Appowell*, *Hugh Boughton*, *William Illing*, and *Richard Milling*, Burgesses and late Bailiffs of the said Town and Borough; *John Hokeley* Town Clerk, and *William White* Under Bailiff: Which Arms I have ratified and confirmed, and have also registered and recorded the same in this my Visitation, now made within the County of *Buckingham*, 1565."

The Arms belonging to this antient Corporation, as they are Blazoned in the Heralds Office, are *Per Pale Gules and Sable, a Swan chained, gorged with a Ducal Coronet, his Wings expanded*.

When this Coat was first assigned them, or made Use of, I have not been able to discover: If I may be allowed to conjecture, I should judge that they took it from the *Staffords*, their antient Lords, whose Badge or Cognizance was *A Swan*.

*Drayton*, in his most excellent Poem of the Battle of *Agincourt*, fought Anno 1415, alludes to their assuming it from that Family in these Verses:

"The mustred Men for *Buckingham* are gone,  
"Under the *Swan*, the Arms of that *old Town*."

The Seals that several Monasteries used, were no other than the Arms of their respective Founders; and some only impressed their Instruments with the Image of their Patron Saint, which *Matthew Paris* saith was required *ob Majorem Reverentiam*. And that some Colleges in our two Universities, and some Towns do now bear the Arms of their Founders and Lords appears by their Seals.

*A LIST of the BAILIFFS, MAYORS, and BAILIFFS of BUCKINGHAM, extracted out of the Writings in the Borough Chest, etc. viz. as many of them as can well be collected.*

**A.R. A.D. Temp. EDW. III.**

27. 1352. A Precept was directed to the Mayor and Bailiffs of Buckingham, to send Members to a great Council in Matters relating to Trade: But no Return appears to have been made.

**Temp. HEN. VIII.**

4. 1513. *John Lambard*, Bailiff.  
33. 1541. *Alexander Wright*, Bailiff.  
34. 1542. *Edward Miller*.  
36. 1544. *Thomas Atkins*.  
37. 1545. *Richard Wryght*.

**Temp. EDW. VI.**

1. 1546. *Thomas Moore*.  
2. 1547.  
3. 1548.  
4. 1549. *John Lambard*.  
5. 1550.  
6. 1551. *Thomas Moore*.  
7. 1552. *John Lambard*.

**Temp. MARIAE.**

1. 1553. *John Lambert*.  
2. 1554. *John Wicken*, q.  
3. 1555. *Edward Miller*.  
4. 1556. *Richard White*, q.  
5. 1557. *William Philips*.  
6. 1558. *John Gates*.

**Temp. ELIZ.**

1. 1558. *John Gates*.  
2. 1559. *John Aphowell*, q.  
3. 1560. *Hugh Boughton*.  
4. 1561. *William Illing*.  
5. 1562. *Richard Milling*.

6. 1563. *William Illing*.  
7. 1564.  
8. 1565. *Thomas Mare*.  
9. 1566.  
10. 1567.  
11. 1568. *John Ockley*.  
12. 1569.  
13. 1570.  
14. 1571. *William Illing*.  
15. 1572. *John Gates*.  
16. 1573. *Richard Millings*.  
17. 1574. *Paul Miller*.  
18. 1575. *Humphry Reeve*.  
19. 1576. *John Apowell*.  
20. 1577. *William Simkins*.  
21. 1578. *William Illing*.  
22. 1579. *Richard Milling*.  
23. 1580. *Silvester Stokesbye*.  
24. 1581. *Ralph Moore*.  
25. 1582. *John Lambert*.  
26. 1583. *Philip Miller*.  
27. 1584. *Robert Morris*.  
28. 1585. *William Illing*.  
29. 1586. *John Fowler*.  
30. 1587. *John Hartley*.  
31. 1588. *Raphael Moor*.  
32. 1589.  
33. 1590.  
34. 1591. *Hugh Etbersey*.  
35. 1592.  
36. 1593.  
37. 1594.  
38. 1595. *Simon Lambert* was Bailiff about this Time.  
39. 1596.  
40. 1597. *John Nicholls*.  
41. 1598. *William Porter*.  
42. 1599. *Robert Sheene*.  
43. 1600. *Hugh Etbersey*.  
44. 1601. *Robert Harris*.

*Temp. J A C. I.*

1. 1602. *John Fowkes.*
2. 1603. *Walter Illing.*
3. 1604. *Bartholomew Atton.*
4. 1605. *Richard Ellington.*
5. 1606. *Simon Lambert* was Bailiff  
about this Time.

6. 1607.
7. 1608.
8. 1609.
9. 1610.
10. 1611. *Robert Herring.*
11. 1612. *Simon Lambert.*
12. 1613.
13. 1614. *Raphael Moor.*
14. 1615.
15. 1616.
16. 1617.
17. 1618.
18. 1619.
19. 1620.
20. 1621.
21. 1622.
22. 1623.
23. 1624. *William Atton* was Bailiff  
about this Time.

*Temp. C A R. I.*

1. 1625.
2. 1626.
3. 1627. *Thomas Grove* was Bailiff  
about this Time.
4. 1628.
5. 1629. *Thomas Moore.*
6. 1630. *William Atton.*
7. 1631. *Thomas Lambert.*
8. 1632. *Thomas Hillesdon.*
9. 1633. *Richard Audley.*
10. 1634. *Thomas Wells.*
11. 1635. *Paul Robins*, deceased.
12. 1636. *Hugh Ethersey.*
13. 1637. *Hugh Ethersey.*
14. 1638. *Thomas Fowkes.*
15. 1639. *John Nicholls.*
16. 1640. *Thomas Moore*, deceased.  
*Thomas Wells* loco *Moore.*
17. 1641. *John Robbys.*

18. 1642. *William Atton.*
19. 1643. *Richard Potter.*
20. 1644. *Thomas Napton.*
21. 1645. *Benjamin Yeomans.*
22. 1646. *Thomas Napton.*
23. 1647. *William Stevens.*
24. 1648. *John Hillesdon.*

*Temp. C A R. II.*

1. 1649. *William Atton.*
2. 1650. *Thomas Hillesdon.*
3. 1651. *William Reeve.*
4. 1652. *Thomas Audley.*
5. 1653. *Robert Cantrell.*
6. 1654. *Thomas Lucas.*
7. 1655. *Benjamin Yeomans.*
8. 1656. *William Stevens.*
9. 1657. *William Atton.*
10. 1658. *Thomas Grove.*
11. 1659. *Hugh Ethersey.*
12. 1660. *John Hillesdon.*
13. 1661. *William Reeve.*
14. 1662. *Henry Audley.*
15. 1663. *George Robins.*
16. 1664. *Thomas Egerton.*
17. 1665. *William Stevens.*
18. 1666. *Edward Snokell.*
19. 1667. *Thomas Mason.*
20. 1668. *Henry Bridges.*
21. 1669. *George Dancer.*
22. 1670. *Walter Arnett.*
23. 1671. *Richard Brown.*
24. 1672. *William Stephens.*
25. 1673. *John Rogers.*
26. 1674. *Thomas Ethersey.*
27. 1675. *Thomas Shene.*
28. 1676. *William Hartley.*
29. 1677. *George Carter.*
30. 1678. *Henry Howard.*
31. 1679. *George Dancer.*
32. 1680. *Pelham Sandwell.*
33. 1681. *Nathanael Kent.*
34. 1682. *Walter Arnet.*
35. 1683. *Thomas Hillesdon.*
36. 1684. *Thomas Hillesdon*, sworn  
Mayor, 20 August.

*Temp.*

*Temp. J A C. II.*

1. 1685. *Hugh Ethersey*, Mayor.
2. 1686. *William Hariley*.
3. 1687. *Edward Purcell*.<sup>b</sup> } All these  
*Jonathan Seyton*. } sworn  
*George Dancer*. } Mayors in  
*Thomas Shene*. } this Year.
4. 1688. *Nathanael Kent*.
5. 1689. *Thomas Hillefdon*.

*Temp. WILL. et MARIAE.*

1. 1689. *Thomas Hillefdon*.
2. 1690. *Thomas Sheene*.
3. 1691. *Thomas Ethersey*.
4. 1692. *George Carter*.
5. 1693. *George Dancer*.
6. 1694. *Pelham Sandwell*.
7. 1695. *Richard North*.
8. 1696. *William Mason*.
9. 1697. *Edward Purcell*.
10. 1698. *Jonathan Seyton*.
11. 1699. *Alexander Ethersey*.
12. 1700. *Hugh Arnet*.
13. 1701. *George Little*.

*Temp. Reg<sup>r</sup> ANNAE.*

1. 1702. *Thomas Hillefdon*.
2. 1703. *Jonathan Seyton*.
3. 1704. *Alexander Ethersey*.
4. 1705. *Hugh Arnet*.
5. 1706. *Francis Reede*.
6. 1707. *John Muscot*.

7. 1708. *Hugh Bruce*.
8. 1709. *Henry Pulley*.
9. 1710. *Charles Blount*.
10. 1711. *William Wise*.
11. 1712. *Richard North*.
12. 1713. *Charles Blount*.
13. 1714. *William Turpin*.

*Temp. GEO. I.*

1. 1715. *William Mason*.
2. 1716. *John Muscot*.
3. 1717. *John Townsend*.
4. 1718. *John Rogers*. [He had been  
High Sheriff of the County.]
5. 1719. *John Harrison*.
6. 1720. *Thomas Turnham*.
7. 1721. *William Mason*.
8. 1722. *George Dancer*.
9. 1723. *John Carter*.
10. 1724. *William Turpin*.
11. 1725. *John Townsend*.
12. 1726. *Thomas Turnham*.
13. 1727. *John Whitaker*.

*Temp. GEO. II.*

1. 1728. *John Carter*.
2. 1729. *John Williams*.
3. 1730. *William Mason*.
4. 1731. *William Butcher*.
5. 1732. *John Whitaker*.
6. 1733. *John Barnes*.
7. 1734. *Richard Garret*.
8. 1735. *Thomas Nelson*.

<sup>b</sup> The Style of this Corporation, as it stands entered among others in a Folio Law Book entitled, *Theaurus Brevium*, is, *Majeri et Aldermannis Fidelis Burgi et Parochias de BUCKINGHAM, in Com. BUCKS.*

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HAVING thus gone through the History of the Town, I proceed to treat of the Parishes included in, and belonging to, the Hundred of *Buckingham*; which I shall exhibit in Alphabetical Order, viz.

## A D D I N G T O N,

So called, as I presume, from an antient *Saxon* Owner *Adda* or *Edda*, i. e. *Adda's Town*. It belonged, on the compiling *Domesday-Book*, to *Odo* Bishop of *Bajeux* in *Normandy*, Half-Brother to *William the Conqueror*, who created him Earl of *Kent*, and bestowed on him no less than thirty Manors in *Buckinghamshire*, nine of which were in this Hundred of *Buckingham*, viz. *Barton*, *Cbetwode*, *Foxcote*, *Leckbampsted*, *Preston*, *Shalfon*, *Stow*, *Tingwick*, and *Westbury*, besides this of *Addington*; which is thus described in the Conqueror's Survey:

*In Lamua Hundred, Terra Episcopi Bajocensis.*

Robertus de Romenel tenet de Episcopo Bajocensi in Edintone vi Hidas. Terra est vi Carucatarum, in Dominio sunt ii, et viii Villani cum ii Bordariis habentibus iii Carucas, et iiii potest fieri. Ibi iiii Servi, Pratum vi Carucatarum. Valet et valuit lx Solidos: Tempore Regis Edwardi c Solidos. Hoc Manerium tenuit homo Goduini Comiti, et vendere potuit.

*Robert de Romenel* holds of the Bishop of *Bajeux* in *Edintone* six Hides. The Arable is six Carucates, two are in Demesne; there are eight Villains or Copyholders, with two Cottagers, holding three Carucates, and a fourth may be made. There are four Servants, and Meadow six Carucates. It was worth, and now is worth, 60*s*. In *Edward the Confessor's* Time 100*s*. *Earl Godwin's* Tenant held this Manor, and could sell it.

As to this *Odo*, he taking Part with the Conqueror's eldest Son, Duke *Robert*, against *William Rufus*, had his Lands taken away from him, Anno 1088, 1 *William II*, and being banished the Realm, died at *Palermo* in *Sicily*, and was buried in the Church of *Our Lady* there, Anno 1096<sup>a</sup>.

Soon after his being thus dispossessed, this his Manor of *Addington*, held under him by *Robert de Romenel*, became the said *Robert's* Property; and so remained 'till a Moiety thereof was by Fine levied Anno 1222, 6 *Henry III*, conveyed by *David Romenel* his Descendant to *Ralf Fitz-Bernard*<sup>b</sup>: The other Moiety being then, as seems to me, in Possession of *John Carbonel*, who held it of *John Fitz-Jeffry*, a potent Baron in those Times, Lord also of *Steeple-Cleydon*, *Whaddon*, and divers other Manors in the Neighbourhood. But this Moiety seems also to have been acquired by the *Fitz-Bernards* about

<sup>a</sup> *Dugdale's Baronage*, vol. i.

<sup>b</sup> *Pedes Finium Com. Bucks*.



the Year 1260, 44 *Henry III*<sup>c</sup>. For that Family occurs possessed of *Addington* in *Edward I*'s and *Edward II*'s Reign, and held it 'till about *Anno* 1320, 14 *Edward II*<sup>d</sup>, when the *Molins* obtained it; for *Anno* 1321, 15 *Edward II*, *John de Molins* had a Grant of Free Warren in his Manor of *Addington*<sup>e</sup>. And *Anno* 1337, 11 *Edward III*, the said *John de Molins* being in especial Favour with that Prince, procured "a Grant of the Return of *Writs*, In-  
 " *fangthef*, *Outfangthef*, *Felons Goods*, *Wayfs*, and *Strays*, and Liberty to  
 " erect a Gallows on any Ground within his Lordships of *Brebull*, *Stoke*-  
 " *Pogeys*, *Ditton*, *Datchet*, *Fulmere*, *Ilmere*, *Aston* [*Bernard*] *Weston*, *Turvill*,  
 " *Ludgarshall*, and *Addington*, in this County of *Buckingham*; and had also  
 " Privilege to try Malefactors within the Liberties of those Towns, and to  
 " be quit of all Toll, Pontage, Pavage, and Murage, throughout the whole  
 " Realm, with Free Warren in all the said Towns." And next Year he  
 got Liberty to hold a Court-Leet, and to have the Correction of the Assize  
 of Bread and Beer, in all those Manors. And further to insure his Title in  
 this Manor, I find two Years after, viz. *Anno* 1339, 13 *Edward III*, a Fine<sup>f</sup>  
 passed thereof from *John Fitz-Bernard* to the said *John Molins*, Chivaler.

When he died appears not to me, but his Wife deceased *Anno* 1368, 41 *Edward III*<sup>g</sup>. And on her Death, his Son and Heir *William Molins* had Livery of his Estates. He died *Anno* 1381, 4 *Richard II*<sup>h</sup>, and was succeeded by *Richard Molins* his Son, who died *Anno* 1385, 8 *Richard II*, and left Issue *William Molins* his Son, who being slain 8 May, 1429, 7 *Henry VI*<sup>i</sup>, at the Siege of *Orleans* in *France*, his Demesnes descended to his Daughter *Elianor*<sup>k</sup>, then an Infant of three Years old. Whereupon the King committed the Custody of this Manor of *Addington* to *Thomas Chaucer*, which *John Barton* lately deceased held for Life of *William Molins*, her the said *Elianor*'s Father; and bestowed her in Marriage, *Anno* 1441, 19 *Henry VI*<sup>l</sup>, on *Robert Hungerford*, who making Proof thereof, and performing his Fealty, had Livery of the Lands of her vast Inheritance, and became in his Wife's Right created Lord *Molins*. But he unfortunately siding with the House of *Lancaster*, and being taken Prisoner, *Anno* 1463, 3 *Edward IV*, at *Newcastle*, was beheaded at *Hexham*, and buried in *Salisbury Cathedral*<sup>m</sup>, leaving Issue three Sons, viz. *Sir Thomas Hungerford*, *Walter* and *Leonard Hungerford*. After his Death his Wife re-married *Sir Oliver Manningham*, and dying *Anno* 1490 or 1491, was buried in *Stoke-Poges Church*, where is her Epitaph, which has been printed in *Dugdale's Baronage*, and by other Authors.

Whether this Estate was taken into the King's Hands on the Lord *Hungerford*'s Forfeiture, I have not seen: But it is certain that the Lord *Hastings*, King *Edward IV*'s great Favourite, obtained Possession of this Manor by Marriage of *Mary*, Daughter of the Lord *Hungerford*. And so, with the Titles of that Family, it descended to his Posterity: And on the Death of

<sup>c</sup> *Escheat Temp. Hen. III.*

<sup>d</sup> *Patent 14 Ed. II.*

<sup>e</sup> *Parochial Antig. p. 447.*

<sup>f</sup> *Fin. 13 Ed. III. p. 155.*

<sup>g</sup> *Dugdale's Baronage, vol. i.*

<sup>h</sup> *Escheat 4 Richard II.*

<sup>i</sup> *Stowe's Chronicle.*

<sup>k</sup> *Dugdale's Baronage.*

<sup>l</sup> *Dugdale ut supra.*

<sup>m</sup> *Ibid.*

the said Lady *Mary Hungerford*, who died *Anno 1532*, 23 *Henry VIII*, her Son *George Hastings*, Earl of *Huntingdon*, had Livery thereof; who, as this Manor of *Addington* lay at a Distance from his other great Estates, and as it seems to have been held under a certain Rent of 12 *l. per Annum* by the Family of the *Curzons*, which had three Years before by Fine<sup>a</sup> and Recovery, *Anno 1527*, 18 *Henry VIII*, purchased of *William Fetiplace* the Property he held and claimed here from the *Carbonels*: He, the said *George Earl of Huntingdon*, the same Year as his Mother died, by Bargain and Sale, dated *February 7, 1532*, 23 *Henry VIII*<sup>o</sup>, released and confirmed all his Right, Title, and Interest in this Manor, to *Richard Curzon of Water Perry*, in the County of *Oxford*, in Exchange for the Manors of *Fresels* in *Bledlow* Parish, and Lands in the Parishes of *Bledlow*, *Ilmere*, *Sanderton*, *Horsington*, and *Princes Risborough*, which the said *Richard Curzon* gave up on the said Exchange to the said Earl of *Huntingdon*: On whose Decease this Manor descended to his Son *Henry Curzon*, and he dying 28 *November, 1549*, 3 *Edward VI*, it came to his Son Sir *Henry Curzon*; who, as it seems to me, dying without Issue, was succeeded herein by his Uncle *Vincent Curzon*. For I find that *Anno 1558*, 1 *Elizabeth*<sup>p</sup>, he, as Patron of this Church, presented a Clerk thereto. His Son and Heir was *Francis Curzon, Esq.* who occurs Lord of this Manor *Anno 1587*, 32 *Elizabeth*, and *Anno 1599*, 44 *Elizabeth*; he was afterwards knighted, and died 31 *October, 1610*<sup>q</sup>, 7 *James I*, and was buried at *Water-Perry*, having given this Estate up in his Life Time to his Son Sir *John Curzon*; for he, as I find, occurs possessed of it *Anno 1605*, 2 *James I*, and also *Anno 1620*, 17 *James I*.

Not long after which the *Curzons* sold their Interest and Title therein to *John Busby*, who dying *June 11, 1635*, 15 *Charles I*, (about ten Years after his Purchase) was buried at *Addington*, and succeeded by his Son and Heir *Robert Busby* of *Grey's-Inn*, who dying *September 15, Anno 1652*, was here buried, and succeeded by *John Busby*, his Son and Heir, afterwards knighted. He departed this Life *June 7, 1700*, and was succeeded by his eldest Son *Thomas Busby, LL. D.* who being both Rector and Patron of the Parish, enclosed it about 1710. He died *April 11, 1725*, (and was buried here) leaving Issue two Daughters, viz. *Anne* and *Jane*, by his most excellent Wife *Anne* Daughter of *John Limbry*, of *Hoddington* in *Upton-Grey* Parish, in *Hampshire*, Esq. the present worthy Lady of this Manor, *Anno 1735*.

Having thus spoken of the Manor, I proceed to give some Account of the Advowson, which being severed from the Manor, was given to the Priory of *St. John Jerusalem*, as seems to me, by their great Benefactor *Robert Fitz-Bernard*, on his purchasing this Estate, *Anno 1222*, 6 *Henry II*: for the Prior of that House presented his Clerk to this Church that same Year<sup>r</sup>, and the Patronage continued in the Possession of that Convent 'till the Subversion of Religious Houses, *Anno 1541*, 31 *Henry VIII*; three Years after which King *Henry VIII*, by Letters Patent dated *July 26, 1544*,

<sup>a</sup> *Pedes Finium.*

<sup>o</sup> *Ex Evidentiis Familiæ.*

<sup>p</sup> *Regist. Lincoln.*

<sup>q</sup> *Ex Evidentiis.*

<sup>r</sup> *Regist. Lincoln.*

granted it to *Richard Andrews* and *Nicholas Temple* in Perpetuity, of whom it was no Doubt purchased by the Family of *Curzon*, who had not long before bought the Manor, and so both Advowson and Manor have been appendant ever since, and the Lords of this Town have continued Patrons of the Church.

The Manor-House is by Tradition said to have been built by the Family of the *Windsors*, who seem to have been Lessee-Tenants to the Earls of *Huntingdon*, or the *Hungerford*-Family, before the *Curzons* possessed it. For in a Window of one of the Chambers I meet with these Arms or Quarterings in painted Glass, viz. 1. *WINDSOR*, Gules, a Saltire between ten Cross Crosets Or. 2. On a Cross five Lions Rampant. 3. Azure, A Cross Moline Or. 4. As the first. Impaling these four Quarterings, 1. — Argent on a Bend between two Cotises, Sable three Mulletts. 2. — On a Cross Sable three Bezants, 3 as 2, 4 as 1. Impaling also four other Coats, viz. Argent, a Bend Sable cotised, charged with three Mulletts. 2. A Cross Sable charged with five Bezants. 3 as 2, 4 as 1. In another Shield the Arms of *France* and *England* Quarterly.

On an antient Picture of a Woman is the Arms of *Curzon* with Quarterings, viz. — On a Bend Sable three Popinjays, or Parrots, Impaling *Giffard*, viz. Gules three Lions passant.

Also the Arms of *Windsor* with Quarterings, impaling *Giffard* as before, on the said Picture is this Date, 1566. I take it her Name was *Giffard*, and that she married two Husbands, viz. *Curzon* and *Windsor*: And I find in the Pedigree of *Curzon*, that *Anne* Daughter of *William Giffard* of *Cowley*, who was a younger Brother of *Sir Thomas Giffard* of *Twysford*, married *Richard Curzon* Son of *Walter Curzon*, who had Issue *Vincent Curzon*, which *Vincent Curzon* married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Roger Corbett* of *Moreton-Corbett*, in the County of *Salop*, and had Issue *Sir Francis Curzon*, Father to *Sir John Curzon*, who occurs Lord of *Addington* 1605, 3 *James I*, and also 1620, 22 *James I*, and sold it about 1625, to *John Busby*; and so I make no Doubt but that this was the Picture of the Mother of *Vincent Curzon*: And that after her first Husband *Richard Curzon's* Death she lived here, being jointured in this House with her second Husband, who was a younger Brother of the *Windsor* Family, as appears by the Crescent on the Arms of *Windsor*.

The Parish of *Addington* is bounded East by *Winslow*, South by the three *Cleydons*, viz. *East*, *Middle*, and *Steeple Cleydon*, West by *Adstock*, and North by *Great Harwood*, It contains about 1100 Acres. Here were Anno 1712 only seventeen Families, and about eighty Souls; and it paid to the Land-Tax 92 *l.* 15 *s.* 9 *d.* The Rectory was Anno 1291, 20 *Edward I*, valued at 100 *s.* deducting a Portion of three Marks paid to the Preceptory of *Hogshaw*, which was subordinate to the chief House of that Order, viz. *St. John's Jerusalem*. But this Rectory was Anno 1534, 26 *Henry VIII*, rated at 9 *l.* 9 *s.* 7 *d.* in the King's Books, as it now stands charged for First-Fruits, and pays Tenths accordingly.

On the Enclosure of this Parish by *Dr. Thomas Busby*, there were by Act of Parliament 120 Acres of Glebe settled on the Rector in lieu of all Tithes, which has greatly augmented the Living in its Value, at least 20 *l.* per Ann.

Before this Time the Glebe lay very much dispersed. On *November 3, 1639*, *Robert Whitehall*, the then Rector, exhibited a Copy of an antient long Terrier made *Anno 1517*, of the Butments and Boundings of the Parsonage Lands, which is as follows, *viz.*

Lea Ground five Acres, Part of which butted on *Mr. Windsor's Land*; in *Attwell-Hole* an Acre of Lea, and an Acre and Half of Arable; in *Water-Furrow* an Acre and Half of Lea Ground; in *Stonyland* an Acre of Arable; in *Harcot* an Acre of Arable; in *Ridgway* Half an Acre; in *Edward's Way* Half an Acre; in *Midfurlong* two Acres and two Yards; in *Flixmore-Path* an Acre and Yard Land of Arable; in *Milfield* Half an Acre; in *Windmill-Furz* Half an Acre; in *Higbway-Furlong* an Acre and Half and two Yards; in *Fox-Furlong* four Acres; in *Halkwell-Close* Half an Acre; in *Norfield* an Acre and two Yards; in *Littlemore* Half an Acre and two Yards; in *Leet-Furlong* an Acre; in *Leet-Furlong* two Acres, and an Acre; in *Dunway* Half an Acre of Lea Ground, and two Yards of Arable; in *Thistle Furlong* one Acre; in *Wipas* an Half Acre; in *Moreley* Lea Ground one Acre, and Half an Acre of Meadow; in *Longland* Half an Acre of Lea Ground; in *Black-Alley* Half an Acre of Lea Ground; Half an Acre and two Yards; in *Bed-mead* Half an Acre and four Poles of Lea Ground.

Lea Ground in all eleven Acres and an Half, five Yards and four Poles; and Meadow one Acre; Arable nineteen Acres and an Half, and twelve Yards. Total thirty-two Acres, seventeen Yards, and four Poles.

There is a Piece of Land in this Parish of about 20 s. *per Annum* given to the Repair of the Church, which might probably belong to some Lamp or Obelisk, and so be taken and applied to the Church.

Here is also 5 l. *per Annum*, being the Interest of 100 l. (given by the *Busby* Family) applied to teach poor Children to read, and putting them out Apprentices; whereof 20 l. was given by *Mrs. Trist*, 20 l. by *Dr. Thomas Busby*, and 20 l. by which the present good Lady has made up 100 l. out of her own Bounty, by adding 40 l. more to what was before given.

In the Prerogative or Will Office I find an old Will dated 6 *August*, 1489, 5 *Henry VII*, of *Richard Ardern*, in which he appoints to be buried in the Church of *Our Lady* in *Addington*, before the Image of *St. Christopher*.

In the Patents I find Mention of Half an Acre of Land lying on *St. Agnes Hill*, given to the Maintenance of Lights in this Church, called no Doubt *St. Agnes's Lamp*.

In the Extremitie of this Parish, next *Winslow*, is a Place called *Gallows Gap*, where by Tradition it is said that a Gallows stood, erected, as I conclude, by the *Molins* Family in the Reign of *Edward III*, on their Acquisition of that Privilege.

The Church here, which is dedicated to the Honour of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, whose Festival is *August 15*, (the *Sunday* after which Day here was antiently observed a Wake or Feast) is a regular small Fabric, consisting of a Body and two Side Isles which are leaved, and Chancel which is tiled. At the West End is a square embattled Tower, the upper

Part of which is repaired with Brick, and rough-cast or plaistered over. In the Tower hang three modern Bells.

The Chancel has been handsomely ornamented and repaired throughout, at the Expence of Dr. *Busby*, the Patron and Rector, about 1710; who ciled the Roof with a coved Cieling, and wainscotted about the Communion Table; and paved it with *Warwickshire* Stone.

Here are no Arms remaining, or painted Glafs in the Windows.

In the Church is a black Marble Gravestone, at the Entrance into the Chancel, with the Arms of *Busby* (which are also on the Spouts of the House) viz. *Three Arrows or Darts in Pale, in Chief three Mulletts*; and this Inscription on a white Marble set into the Stone, viz.

Near this Place lieth interred the Body of *Robert Busby*, Barrister and Benchler of the Honourable Society of *Grey's-Inn*, who departed this Life *September 15, 1652. Aetatis suae 52.*

At the lower End of the North Isle a Gravestone for one *Bowes*, Bailiff to the Family, who died about 1675: But it is hid by a Seat.

Here is also a Gravestone for Mrs. *Mayne*, one of the Tenant's Mothers, who died *Anno 1724*: But the Inscription being cut on a mouldring Stone is illegible.

Here are also at the upper End of the North Isle these Inscriptions in Lozenges, viz.

*Judith* Daughter of Sir *John Busby*, Knt. died *June 24, 1679.* Aged two Years.

*John*, Son of Sir *John Busby*, died *July 12, 1669.* Aged one Year.

*Robert*, the Son of Sir *John Busby*, died *January 12, 1669.* Aged 5 Years.

Dame *Mary Busby*, died *November 16, 1714.*

Above the last is affixt to the North Wall a white Marble Tablet, on which is the following Inscription:

In order to a glorious Resurrection, underneath resteth the Body of Dame *Mary Busby*, who departed this Life *November 16, in the 71st Year* of her Age, and in the Year of our Lord 1714. She was the eldest Daughter of *John Dormer*, of *Lee Grange*, in the County of *Bucks*, Esq. and second Wife to the late Sir *John Busby*, Knt. who was interred in the Chancel; by whom she had five Sons and nine Daughters. Her Daughter *Mary Busby*, whom she constituted sole Executrix of her Last Will and Testament, out of a filial Regard to the Memory of her dear excellent pious Mother, hath erected this Stone, as you see it, by the exprefs Command of her said Mother.

In the Chancel on Gravestones are these Inscriptions, viz.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *John Busby*, Knt. deceased *November 29, 1699.* Aged 24 Years.

Sir *John Busby*, Knight, deceased *January 7, 1700.* Aged 65 Years.

*Arabella*, Daughter of Sir *John Busby*, Knt. deceased *May 9, 1702.* Aged 21 Years.

*Robert*

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*Robert Busby*, Esq. Father to Sir *John Busby*, Knt. deceased *September 15*, 1652. Aged 52 Years.

*Mary*, Daughter of Sir *John Busby*, Knt. deceased *August 6*, 1687. Aged ten Years.

*Anne*, Daughter of Sir *John Busby*, Knt. deceased *October 23*, 1687. Aged three Years.

Mr. *John Busby*, Grandfather to Sir *John Busby*, Knt. deceased *June 11*, 1635.

On a small Compartment set in the Chancel North Wall, on a black Marble enchaſed with white Stone, this Inſcription :

Adeſdum, Viator, Mortaliumque diſce Commune Fatum, quod inexorabile, proh Dolor, immaturius ſenſit Deo ſuiſque chariſſima Virgo Domina *Elizabetba Busby*, quam nec Foemineum decus, nec Formae gratia, morumque reverentia major, nec modestia, pietate maxima attemperata, exemere ſepulcro. Connubio matura unicus interea *Chriſti* amor ſupra celebrari nuptias ſtatuit partem potiore, Reliqua hic condebantur, *Junii xviii*, Anno Domini *CIDCLI*.

Lege ſcilicet vivaciſſimae Spei glorioſiora, cum reſurgat, ſe reſumpturam Memoriae ſororis pientiffimae ſacrum hoc apponi curavit *Rob. Busby*.

On another Compartment of Free Stone painted, is the Buſto of a Man's Head carved, with Trophies round it, and theſe Arms :

*Barry of Six Argent and Gules*, being *Manwaring*. Or, *three Darts*, on a Chief *Sable three Mulletts Or*, being *Busby*. *Azure, Billette of Ten in Chief Or*, a *Demy Lion Rampant Sable*, being *Dormer*; viz. the Arms of Sir *John Busby* and his two Wives: In the Center this Inſcription :

Near this Place reſteth, in Hope to riſe in Glory, the Body of the learned Sir *John Busby*, Knt. late Deputy Lieutenant, and Colonel of the Militia of this County, deceased *January* the 7th, 1700. Aged 65.

He had by his Lady (*Judith*, Daughter of Sir *William Manwaring*, Knt. Governor of *West-Cheſter*) a Son and a Daughter.

By his ſecond Lady, *Mary*, eldeſt Daughter of *John Dormer*, of *Lee Grange*, Esq. five Sons and nine Daughters. Whereof moſt are gone before him: May the reſt prepare to follow him.

To whoſe pious Memory, *Thomas Busby*, Doctor of Laws, his Son and Heir, conſecrated this Monument, Anno Domini 1705.

On a white Marble Compartment, affixt to the Church Wall, oppoſite to the Pulpit, theſe Arms in a Lozenge, viz.

*Arg<sup>t</sup> Eight Mulletts Gules*, in Feſs Point a <sup>*cinque Foyle*</sup> of the Second, being *Trift*.

In the adjacent Pew lie the Remains of

A B I G A I L,

The Relict of *Samuel Trift*, Esq. and Siſter to the late Sir *John Busby*, Knt. Who died *December 25*, Anno Domini 1707, in the 60th Year of her Age.

She was a Perſon to whom God gave a large Subſtance ;

Charitable

Charitable Inclinations, a Religious Disposition,  
 And an Understanding suitable to these Blessings:  
 For the Instruction of poor Children to Read,  
 And binding them to useful Trades and Employments,  
 She settled in several Parishes a perpetual and plentiful Revenue.  
 By the pious Care she took of her Family,  
 She taught them what she herself practised;  
 Their Duty towards God, their Neighbour, and themselves.  
 Reader, whomsoever thou art, imitate her commendable Virtues and Perfections:  
 And neither fear nor wish the Approach of thy last Hour.  
 This Monument was erected to the grateful Memory of the Deceased,  
 By *Thomas Busby*, Doctor of Laws, her Nephew, Heir, and sole Executor.

In a Pew at the upper End of the South Isle are these Inscriptions, on small white Marble Lozenges:

*Mrs. Abigail Trist*, Widow, deceased *December 25, 1707*. Aged 60 Years.  
*Mrs. Mary*, Daughter of *Dr. Busby*, and *Anne* his Wife, deceased *July 7, 1709*. Aged three Days.

The Rectory being given, as afore said, by the *Fitz-Bernards*, to the Priory of *St. John of Jerusalem*, continued in the Patronage of that Convent 'till the general Dissolution, 1542, 34 *Henry VIII*. And the following Rectors have been presented by them, viz.

*Henry de Hoggisball*, instituted *Anno 1222, 7 Henry III*, on the Presentation of the Prior of *St. John of Jerusalem*.

*John de Basing* died Rector (*Anno 1259, 44 Henry III*.) of this Church, and of that of *Adstock*.

*John de Stratton* succeeded on *Basing's* Death, 1259.

*Richard de Hetberington* was admitted *Anno 1263, 48 Henry III*, on Account of *Stratton's* taking another Benefice. He died 1305, and was succeeded by

*Roger de Manden*, alias *Jarponvill*, instituted 12 cal. *November, 1305, 34 Edward I*.

*John de Sutton* was instituted 12 cal. *July 1349, 24 Edward III*, on the Death of *Roger* the last Rector. I take him to be the same with

*John de Cudenton*, who, *Anno 1350*, exchanged it for *Staverton*, with *Hugh de Stretley*, 8 id. *July, 1350, 25 Edward III*.

*John de Bokingham* was instituted 18 cal. *October 1361, 36 Edward III*, on the Death of *Hugh Stretley*. One of both his Names was *Anno 1363, 38 Edward III*, made Bishop of *Lincoln*; who, as I take it, was this Person.

*John West* succeeded, and resigned it *Anno 1366, 41 Edward III*, and was succeeded by

*John Bannebury*, instituted 8 id. *November, 1366, 41 Edward III*.

*John Eton* exchanged it for *Luffwich* *Anno 1383, 7 Richard II*, with *Robert Normanton*, *March 29, 1383, 7 Richard II*. He became Vicar of *Wendover*.

*John*

*John Adams* is the next. He exchanged it for *Adstock* 1390 14 *Richard II*, with

*John Keynes*, October 7, 1390, 14 *Richard II*. He died in about five Weeks, and was succeeded by

*John Grendon*, admitted November 13 following on *Keynes's* Death. He exchanged it for *Ellismere* in the County of *Salop*, with

*Roger Hampton*, January 26, 1391, 15 *Richard II*. He died Anno 1393, 17 *Richard II*, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Draper de Mollington*, instituted February 8, 1393, 17 *Richard II*. He exchanged it for *Rollefbam*, with

*Edmund de Aylebury*, October 20, 1396, 20 *Richard II*, who exchanged it for *Lodington*, with

*John Marsham*, November 7, 1397, 21 *Richard II*. His Successor was

*John Auncell*. He exchanged it for a Prebend of *Stafford Collegiate-Church*, with

*William March*, July 26, 1400, 2 *Henry IV*. He exchanged it for *Berf-wick* Vicarage in the County of *Stafford*, with

*John Romey*, December 12, 1404, 6 *Henry IV*. He soon quitted it; for, as I find, one

*Philip Pope* was possessed of it the same Year. He quitted it to

*John Auncell*, who took it a second Time, 6 *March*, 1404. But there seems to be some Mistake in these Entries; for

*John Romey* is mentioned to have exchanged it Anno 1405, 7 *Henry IV*, with

*Richard Brewes*, for *Wishaw* in the County of *Warwick*, August 12, 1405, 7 *Henry IV*. He exchanged it for *Gunby* in the County of *Lincoln*, with

*John Wright*, August 15, 1406, 8 *Henry IV*. I take him to be the same with

*John Mulion*, who exchanged it for *Tremele* in *Norwich* Diocese, with

*John Daniel*, August 1, 1417, 6 *Henry V*. He exchanged it for *Tellsford* in the County of *Somerset*, with

*Robert Gery*, December 7, 1421, 10 *Henry V*. He resigned it Anno 1432, 11 *Henry VI*, and was succeeded by

*John Tayler*, instituted July 26, 1432.

*William Warner* is the next that occurs. He was instituted July 26, 1475, 16 *Edward IV*, though not said how vacant.

*John Jordan* was instituted May 12, 1479, 20 *Edward IV*, on *Warner's* Resignation.

*John Smith* succeeded April 8, 1480, 21 *Edward IV*, on *Jordan's* Resignation; and exchanged it for *Compton* in *Sarum* Diocese, with

*Thomas Pigot*, August 12, 1482, 23 *Edward IV*. He resigned it Anno 1491, 7 *Henry VII*, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Baron*, instituted March 17, 1491, 7 *Henry VII*.

*John Brodbede* succeeded; but I have not his Institution. He resigned Anno 1508, 24 *Henry VII*, and was succeeded by

*William Hall*, instituted April 2, 1508, 24 *Henry VII*. He was the last, presented by the Lords Priors of *St. John of Jerusalem*. He died Anno 1546,



38 *Henry VIII*, as appears by his Will, in which he appointed to be buried here, and bequeathed several Things to this Church; and made Mr. *Curzon*, of *Water-Perry* in the County of *Oxon*, his Executor. In a Wall of the Chancel were lately found several Missal Books, which I suppose he had given, and that they were concealed or placed here by Mr. *Curzon* his Executor.

*Richard Bradborne* succeeded Anno 1547, 2 *Edward VI*, on the Death of *Hall*. He was buried here June 25, 1558, and succeeded by

*Thomas Andrews*, instituted August 9, 1559, 1 *Elizabeth*, on *Bradborne's* Death, on the Presentation of *Vincent Curzon*, Gent. He was buried here, October 14, 1587; and succeeded by

*William Stannioughie*, A. M. instituted November 8, 1587. He occurs Rector here Anno 1607. His Successor was *Justitia* 1615

*Robert Whitehall*, A. M. of *Christ Church*, *Oxford*. He died and was buried here 1 October 1658, and succeeded by

*William Rockford* the same Year, but not formally admitted 'till September 5, 1660, when he was regularly presented by the Patron *John Busby*, Esq. He died and was buried here 6 October 1683, and was succeeded by

*Edward Sherrier*, A. B. instituted February 25, 1683, on the Presentation of Sir *John Busby*, to whom having given a Bond to resign to his Son, he was obliged to quit it, and accept of *North-Marston* Curacy, which he left for the Rectory of *Shawell* in the County of *Leicester*, and died in Possession of Anno 1728, or 1729. On his quitting this Rectory

*Thomas Busby*, LL. D. became instituted on his Father Sir *John Busby's* Presentation, 19 March 1693. He died April 11, 1725, and was buried here, having, as before-mentioned, greatly decorated the Chancel, as he had also handsomely repaired the Parsonage-House, notwithstanding his Residence in the Manor-House. His Successor was

*William Butterfeild*, Rector of *Middle-Cleydon*, instituted September 4, 1725, on the Presentation of Mrs. *Anne Busby*, Widow. He died in December 1727, and was buried at *Middle-Cleydon*, and succeeded by

*Francis Pyle*, A. M. instituted 21 March 1727, on the Presentation of the same worthy Patroness Mrs. *Anne Busby*, and he is the present Rector, Anno 1734.

The REGISTER begins Anno 1558. Out of it I extracted the following ENTRIES.

#### MARRIAGES.

Mr. *Edward Townley* and Mrs. *Catherine Curzon*, November 6, 1570.

Mr. *John Rye* and Mrs. *Mary Busby*, January 17, 1629.

Mr. *William Gibson* and Mrs. *Judith Busby*, September 7, 1630.

Sir *John Busby*, Knt. and Mrs. *Mary Dormer* of *Lee Grange*, November 3, 1662.

Mr. *William Butterfeild*, Rector of *Middle-Cleydon*, and Mrs. *Sarah Lovett*, Daughter of Mr. *Laurence Lovett* of *Ethop*, June 1, 2 1679.

#### BAPTISMS.

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*Edwardus Windsor*, filius *Walteri Windsor*, *Ar. et Margaretæ uxoris ejus*,  
August 12, 1559.

*Richard*, Son of Mr. *Francis Curzon*, 23 April, 1581.

*William*, Son of Sir *John Curzon*, November 12, 1607.

*Frances*, Daughter of Sir *John Curzon*, February 8, 1608.

*Abigail*, Daughter of Mr. *Robert Busby* and *Abigail* his Wife, 28 May, 1637.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of Mr. *Robert Busby* and *Abigail* his Wife, June 17,  
1638.

*John*, Son of Sir *John Busby* and *Mary* his Wife, June 13, 1667.

*Thomas*, Son of Sir *John Busby* and *Mary* his Wife, August 16, 1668.

Mr. *Richard*, Son of Sir *John Busby*, etc. 1669.

Mrs. *Mary Busby*, Daughter, etc. 1671.

Mrs. *Judith Busby*, etc. 1672.

Mrs. *Abigail Busby*, etc. 1673.

Mrs. *Elizabeth Busby*, etc. 1675.

Mr. *John Busby*, Son, etc. 1677.

Mrs. *Anne Busby*, Daughter, etc. 1678.

Mrs. *Arabella Busby*, etc. 1681.

Mrs. *Mary Busby*, etc. 1684.

Mrs. *Susanna Busby*, etc. 1688.

N. B. All these last twelve are Children of Sir *John Busby* and his second Lady.

## BURIALS.

*Christopher Curzon*, Gent. August 13, 1584.

*Anne*, Daughter of Sir *John Curzon*, 1591.

Mr. *John Curzon*, February 26, 1608.

Mr. *Walter Curzon*, March 12, 1614.

Mr. *Busby* [Purchaser of *Addington*] 1635.

Mrs. *Abigail Busby*, February 23, 1642.

Mr. *Robert Busby*, September 26, 1653.

*Elizabeth*, Relict of Mr. *William Rochford*, Rector, aged above 100;  
March 6, 1687.

N. B. The Interrments of the Rectors, and some of the *Busbys* being given in their Epitaphs, I omit them here.

## ADSTOCK,

**D**ERIVES its Name, as seems to me, from the Saxon Owner *Edda*, and so may be termed *Edda's Wood*, from *Stocce*, *Truncus*, or the Stock of a Tree.

This Manor, as we learn from *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. i. p. 15. was, before the Norman Invasion, Part of the Possessions of Godwin Earl of Kent, whose second Wife was *Gytba* Sister to *Swane* King of Denmark, who occurs possessed of *Edestocke* Manor at the Death of her Son King *Harold*; after which she fled into France, leaving her Estates to *William the Conqueror*, who bestowed this Manor of *Adstock* on *William Peverel* his Bastard Son, whom he created Earl of *Nottingham*; who having other Lordships lying in *Waddeſdon* (now *Aſbenden*) Hundred, occasioned this to be surveyed in that Division in *Domesday-Book*, which is as follows :

*Terra Willielmi Peverel in Votefden Hundred.*

*Ambrosius tenet de Willimo Edestocke pro x Hidis, se defendebat. Terra est vii Carucatarum; in Dominio sunt iii et v Villani cum iii Bordariis habentibus iii Carucatas, et iiii potest fieri. Pratum vii Carucatarum. In totis valentiis valet et valuit c s. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii l.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Gytha uxor Radulphi Comitis, et vendere potuit.*

*Ambrose* holds of *William Peverel Adestocke*. It was taxed at ten Hides. The Arable is seven Carucates. There are three in Demeſne, and five Copyholders, and three Cottagers, holding three Carucates, and can make a fourth. There is Meadow for the seven Carucates. In the whole it is worth, and was worth, 100 s. In the Time of King *Edward* it was worth 8 l.

*Gytba* the Wife of Earl *Ralph* held this Manor, and could sell it.

To this *William* succeeded his Son of both Names: But he being concerned in the foul Act of poisoning *Ranulf* or *Randolph* Earl of *Chester*, fled away, for fear of *Henry II*, who seized his Lands, and bestowed this Manor on *William Avenel*; who, as we find in the *Monasticon*, Vol. ii. p. 312: gave the Church of *Adstock* to the Abby of *Leicester*, which was confirmed by the said King *Henry* about 1166, 12 *Henry II*. As to this Family of the *Avenels*, they had great Possessions in *Derbyshire*, and were seated at *Haddon*; which Manor came to the *Vernons* by Marriage of the Heiress of *Avenel*, as did their Estates in general, by the Daughters of *William Avenel*, between the *Vernons* and *Bassets* of *Sapcote* in the County of *Leicester*; which Families, as seems to me, shared this Parish between them, it being divided into two Manors; the first and principal of which being, as I find in the Reign of *Henry III*, possessed by the *Vernons*, continued in that Family; till the same, with the Advowson of the Church, passed in Marriage, in Queen *Elizabeth's* Reign, with *Dorothy* Daughter and Heir of Sir *George Vernon* of *Haddon*,  
in

in the County of *Derby* (commonly called *King of the Peak*) to Sir *John Manners*, together with her other vast Inheritances (on which Account the Family of *Manners* afterwards assumed the Title of Barons of *Haddon*) which Sir *John*, having a Daughter named *Grace* by the aforesaid *Dorothy Vernon*, she brought it in Marriage to her Husband Sir *Francis Fortescue* of *Salden*; who having, as I learn, about the Year 1621, leased out his Demesnes in this Parish for ninety nine Years to six of the principal Inhabitants of this Town; about two Years after sold the Inheritance thereof to them in Fee, reserving to himself the Titular Manor, which his Son Sir *John Fortescue* not long after conveyed to *Thomas Egerton* Rector of *Adstock*; whose Grandson, as I am informed, sold his Interest therein Anno 1675 to Sir *Ralph Verney*, Knight and Baronet. And his Grandson, the Right Hon. *Ralph Verney*, Lord Viscount *Fermanagh*, is, Anno 1735, the present worthy Possessor thereof.

As to the other Manor, I find it mentioned in the Fines, Anno 1239, to be by the Gift of their Grandmother *Elizabeth Avenel*, in the Hands of *Robert* and *William Basset*. From which Family it descended to the *Hansteds*, and was after the Death of *John Hansted*, who died Anno 1317, in the Possession of the *Newenbams*. For, Anno 1393, I meet with a Fine passed of the Manor called *Hansted* Manor in *Adstock*, from *John Newenham* or *Newennam*, to *John Cope* and *Elizabeth* his Wife and their Heirs; which said Family of *Cope*, as I judge, were Heirs of the *Hansteds*.

Anno 13 Henry VI. 1436, *Joan* Wife of *John Cope* (on whom it was, no doubt, settled in Jointure) dying possessed thereof, it descended to *Stephen Cope*, and afterwards to *John Cope*; who, in the Reign of Henry VII, Anno 1489, by Fine and Recovery passed it to *Thomas Smith* of *Stewkley*, whose Descendant ——— *Smith*, by Fine and Recovery, sold it, Anno 1575, to *Robert Tomlins*, who, Anno 1586, on October 17 (as appears by the antientest Court Roll now extant of this Parish) held a Court Baron here by Virtue of his Purchase; and also Annis 1595, 1601, and 1606, held other Courts here; as did *Richard Tomlins* his Heir January 21, 1647. From whose Family it passed to *William Greaves*, who held his Court Baron here September 24, 1677. By whose Daughter and Heir it came in Marriage to the Family of *Whiteball*<sup>a</sup>. And a Court Baron was held here Anno 1704, and also Anno 1719, by *Charles Whiteball*, in whose Family it yet remains Anno 1735.

The Quit-rents of both these Manors, which are held of the Honour of *Peverell*, being very small, the holding of Courts is rarely observed.

The Advowson of the Church here being given, tempore Henry II, by *William de Avenel*, as aforementioned, to the Abby of *Leicester*, that Convent presented thereto, as appears by the Registers of *Lincoln*, from 1221, tempore Henry III, to about 1443, tempore Henry VI, when by some Exchange with the Abby of *Leicester*, being recovered back by the Family of *Vernon*, it continued appendant to their Manor, till it came, with their other Demesnes here, by Marriage to the Families of *Manners* and *Fortescue*. From which

<sup>a</sup> Ex Evidentiis penes Dom. hujus Manerii.

last Family, viz. Sir *John Fortescue*, it was, about the Year 1635, sold to *Robert Sharrock* Rector of *Drayton Parflow*, who quitted that Parsonage and became Rector here, Anno 1640: And his Grandson *Robert Sharrock*, deceasing in *January 1707*, by his Last Will and Testament bequeathed his Right and Title herein in Fee to the Bishop of *Lincoln* and his Successors, recommending to them to appoint a residing Rector; and so the Patronage hath been vested in the said See ever since the Decease of the last Incumbent, Anno 1720; and the Rectory is now enjoyed by his immediate Successor, who hath been a constant Resident, and hath expended considerably on the Parsonage House and Gardens, and greatly ornamented the Church and Chancel.

The Register of this Parish is one of the oldest in the whole Archdeaconry. It begins 1538, 29 *Henry VIII.* By the Care and Exactness of the two Mr. *Egertons*, Incumbents from 1568 to 1640, there are Entries noted of the Places where the Archidiaconal Visitations of the Deanries of *Buckingham* and *Newport* were held in their Times, viz. between 1568 and 1639; and they appear to have most commonly been kept at *Stony-Stratford* and *Little-Brickbill*, and oftentimes at *Buckingham*, and only about once or twice at *Newport-Pagnell* before 1636. Archdeacon *John Longland*, who was made Rector of *Tingwick* Anno 1559, 1 *Elizabeth*, and died such Anno 1589, 31 *Elizabeth*, though Rector of *Great Linford* also, seems to have held them for the most Part at *Buckingham*. Archdeacon *Robert Newell*, made Rector of *North Crawley* Anno 1630, 5 *Charles I.*, and *Giles Thorpe* and *Robert Hillersdon*, his immediate Successors, Rectors of *St. Mary Church* in *Bedford*, and *Stoke Goldington*, seem, for their Convenience, to have chosen *Newport*. But it is to be wished *Buckingham* may again recover them, and have its Share restored to it; as it is not fit that it should lose any of its antient Prerogatives.

In the REGISTER I noted these other ENTRIES:

#### MARRIAGES.

*Richard Charnock*, Esq. and the Lady *Ethelreda Chalonier*, August 25, 1601.  
*Richard Sergeant*, Esq. and Mrs. *Anne Ingoldby*, 1614.  
*Simeon Steward*, Esq. and Dame *Dorothy Pigot*, Relict of Sir *Christopher Pigot*, August 18, 1616.  
 Mr. *John Egerton* and Miss *Nightingale Longueville*, February 1704.

#### BAPTISMS.

*Thomas* Son of *Richard Longston*, 1588.  
*Henry* Son of *Robert Longueville*, Gent. and *Anne* his Wife, 1657.

#### BURIAL.

*Thomas Egerton*, Esq. June 22, 1596.

This

This Parish is bounded by *Great Horwood* East; *Padbury* West; *Thornborough* North; and *Addington* South: Here are about 40 Houses, and 130 Inhabitants. It was *Anno* 1712, assessed to the Land-Tax 80 *l.* 9 *s.* 8 *d.* It contains about 1100 Acres.

*John Villiers*, Esq. gave to the Church a Silver Chalice and Cover.

The Church here, which is dedicated to *St. Cecilia*, Patroness of Musick, Virgin, and Martyr, (whose Festival is kept *November* 22) consists of a Body which is leaded, and Chancel which is tyled. At the West End is a square embattled Tower, in which hang three Bells; the first and third are modern, but on the second is this Inscription, *Santa Anna, Ora pro nobis.*

The Church is in Length 40 Feet, in Breadth 20, in Height 25, and the Tower 60 Feet. The Chancel is in Length 27 Feet, and in Breadth 16.

Here are no Monuments or Inscriptions whatsoever, except this, on a white Marble affixed to the Chancel South Wall:

This Monument is inscribed to the Memory of *Thomas Egerton*, the third Rector of *Adstock* of that Name and Family. He had Issue five Sons and two Daughters by his dear Wife *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of *Edward Butterfeild* Rector of *Middle-Cleydon*. His second Wife was *Sarah* the Daughter of *Thomas Fyge*, of *London*, Esq.

*Thomas Egerton* Rector 1581.—*Thomas Egerton* Rector 1623.—*Thomas Egerton* Rector 1672. Let a Man so account of us, as of the Ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the Mysteries of God. 1 Cor. iv. i. 1720.

But in the Roof of the Church is this Date, 1599; it being then, as it seems, new roofed: On the same Account is also in the Chancel Roof this Date, viz. 1597.

Here were then put up these Arms in the Chancel Windows, viz.

*France and England* quarterly.

*Azure*, a Bend engrailed *Argent*, cotised *Sable*.

*A Chevron sable*, between three Pheons of the same.

Being the Arms of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Fortescue* the Patron, and the *Egertons* of *Leek* in the County of *Stafford*; of which Family was *Thomas Egerton* the then Rector, who no Doubt put them up.

At the Bottom of one of the Windows was this in old Glas: *Orate pro Animabus Roberti* . . . . .

And in the uppermost South Window in the Church this Coat of Arms, Quarterly, 1. a *Lion Rampant Or*, 2. *Cheque Or and Azure*, 3 as 2, 4 as 1. Query, If not the Arms of *Hansted*?

Here are Lands worth 2 *l.* per Annum given to the Repair of the Church; and 1 *l.* per Annum was appointed to be paid out of three small Tenements to *New-College* in *Oxford*, given heretofore, as it is said, towards Maintenance of a Scholar.

In the Time of the Plague, *Buckingham* and *Winslow* being much infested with that Distemper, there is a Tradition that a Market was kept here for some Time.

In old Wills before the Reformation, I find Bequests to *St. Cecilia's* and *St. Nicholas's* Altars, *St. Sigebert's* Image, and to Our Lady, the Holy Rood, and the Sepulchre Lights in this Church.

Terrier

Terrier of this Rectory exhibited by *Thomas Egerton*, Rector, dated *October 23, 1607, 5 James I.*

An House of five Bays, built of Timber tiled; a Dove-house, two Barns of four Bays, a Stable and Cow-house of four Bays; another Stable, a Calf-house, a Kitchen and Bake-house, a little distant from the Dwelling-house, of four Bays: All the Out-houses thatched.

The Home-stall and Garden of an Acre and a Rood.

A Pasture Close of two Acres adjoining to the Home-stall.

A Meadow of sixteen Acres and two Roods; of Arable, in the West Field, or *Newell* Field, 29 Acres; in the Middle or *Pilch* Field 24 Acres; and in the third or *Beacon* Field 30 Acres. The whole of the Arable 80 Acres. And the Sum Total of all the Glebe 102 Acres and three Roods.

*The NAMES of the RECTORS from the Registers of Lincoln, are as follow:*

*Richard de Vernun*, instituted 1221, 5 *Henry III.*, to the Vicarage of *Adstock*, on the Presentation of the Abby or Convent of *Leicester*.

*Roger de Edeshowre* or *Edensore*, instituted 1227, 11 *Henry III.*, to the Church of *Adstock*, on the Presentation of *Leicester* Abby.

*N. B.* It was not uncommon in those Times for the Monasteries to present to their Churches as to Vicarages, but the Bishops often set them aside, and we find no other Presentations, except as to a Rectory.

*John Basing* died Rector, and was succeeded by

*Thomas de Luda* or *Louth*, instituted *Anno 1258*.

*Nigel de Wavere* is the next I find: On his Resignation 1329, 3 *Edward III.*,

*Hugh de Carlton* was instituted, 9 cal. *March*, 1329, 3 *Edward III.*, on the Presentation of the Abby of *Leicester*. His Successor was

*John Wickham*. On whose Resignation

*William de Northburgh* was instituted 5 cal. *December*, 1359, 33 *Edward III.* He exchanged it for *Turweston*, with

*John Style*, 8 *October*, 1375, 49 *Edward III.*, and he became presented by *Leicester* Abby. The next was

*John Raynes*, who exchanged it for *Addington*, *Anno 1390*, 13 *R. II.* with *John Adam*, who became presented by *Leicester* Abby.

*Stephen de Merton* is the next in my Account. He held it *Anno 1399*, 22 *Ric. II.*, and dying *Anno 1412*, 11 *Henry IV.*, was succeeded by

*Thomas Thorpe*, instituted 22 *November*, 1412, 11 *Henry IV.* He was made Precentor of *Lichfield*, and is the last presented by *Leicester* Abby, in the Registers of *Lincoln*. The next that occurs is

*Hugh Brown*. who exchanged it *Anno 1445*, 23 *Henry VI.*, with

*Thomas Green*, 11 *June 1445*, 23 *Henry VI.*, for *Ingatestone* in *Essex*. The said *Green* became presented to this Church by Sir *Richard Vernon*, Knight, who, by Exchange, no doubt, had procured this Advowson from *Leicester* Abby.

*William Tybard* succeeded *Green*, and resigned it *Anno 1451*, 29 *Hen. VI.*, to

*John Adam*, who became instituted *September 21*, 1451, 29 *Henry VI.*, on *Tybard's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Thomas Vernon*, Esq.

*John Roche* succeeded about 20 *October 1456*, 34 *Henry VI.*, as did

*William*

*William Brayles*, about 1469, 9 *Edward IV*; though I have not met with their Institutions. He died Rector here 1475, 15 *Edward IV*, and was succeeded by

*John Stotfold*, instituted November 15, 1475, 15 *Edward IV*, on the Death of *William Brayles*, on the Presentation of *Henry Vernon*, Esq. He died Anno 1486, 1 *Henry VII*; and was succeeded by

*Roger Bayly* 28 April, 1486, 1 *Henry VII*, on the Presentation of *Henry Vernon*, Esq. on the Death of *John Stotfold*. His Successor was

*Henry Babington*, A. M. instituted June 23, 1491, 6 *Henry VII*, on the Resignation of *Roger Bayly*, at the Presentation of *Henry Vernon*, Esq. He resigned Anno 1504, 19 *Henry VII*, and was succeeded by

*John Stapul*, instituted 16 April, 1504, 19 *Henry VII*, on the Resignation of *Henry Babington*, on the Presentation of Sir *Henry Vernon*, Knight.

*Thomas Westcote* succeeded, being instituted Anno 1522, 13 *Henry VIII*, on the King's Presentation, very probably on account of *Vernon* the Patron's Minority, on the Death of *John Stapul*.

*Nicholas Knight* was instituted June 8, 1522, 13 *Henry VIII*, on the Death of *Thomas Westcote*, on the King's Presentation. He occurs Rector Anno 1535, 26 *Henry VIII*.

*Roger Smith* was presented by the King on account of *Vernon's* Minority, and instituted January 16, 1535, 26 *Henry VIII*, on the Death of the last Rector, not named, who, as it is plain, was *Nicholas Knight*.

*Thomas Vernon* was instituted 3 August, 29 *Henry VIII*, 1538, on the Death of *Roger Smith*, on the Presentation of *George Vernon*, Esq.

*Francis Babington*, S. T. P. succeeded 27 November, 1557, on the Presentation of *George Vernon*, Esq. He was Master of *Baliol*, and Rector of *Lincoln Colleges* in *Oxford*, but deprived Anno 1565 of his Preferments, on account of being a concealed Papist, having got several other Benefices, as the Rectory of *Milton-Keynes* in this County. He quitted this and was succeeded by

*John Manne*, LL. D. instituted 1559, 1 *Eliz.* on *Babington's* Resignation. He died Anno 1569, 11 *Eliz.* being also Dean of *Gloucester*, as seems to me, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Egerton*, Anno 1569, 11 *Eliz.* instituted on the Presentation of *Thomas Alsop*, Gent. on the Death of *Manne*. It was returned Anno 1605, 3 *James I.* that he was then Rector, viz. *Thomas Egerton*, and Sir *Francis Fortescue* Patron, in an Account given in to the Bishop of *Lincoln*; and that there were then ninety Communicants or Adults. His Successor was a second

*Thomas Egerton*, A. M. who was presented by *Richard Ingoldsby*, and others (by the Grant, no doubt, of the *Fortescues* the then Patrons) Anno 1622, 24 *James I.* He died Anno 1640, 15 *Charles I.* and was succeeded by

*Robert Sharrock*, inducted March 1, 1640, on the Presentation of *Edmund Bateman*, to whom, no doubt, he made over his own Turn to present himself. He died, and was buried here, September 10, and succeeded by

*Thomas Egerton*, A. B. instituted December 20, 1671, 23 *Charles II.* on the Presentation of *Thomas Egerton*, Gent. who had bought this Turn of the

*Sharrocks.*



*Sbarrocks.* He died *Anno* 1720, and was buried in the Chancel here, with an Inscription to his Memory. His Successor was

*Alexander Burrel*, A. M. of *Trinity College, Cambridge*, Chaplain to Dr. *Wake*, Bishop of *Lincoln*, Vicar of *Buckden*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, who became collated to this Rectory, and *Puttenham* in the County of *Hertsford*, 27 October, 1720, by the Bishop of *Lincoln*, on account of the Donation of the Advowson to that Bishoprick from the Family of *Sbarrock*; and he is the present Rector, *Anno* 1735.

## AKELEY or OAKELEY,

**H**A S its Name from *Ac* or *Ake*, *Quercus*, et *Ley Campus*, i. e. The Field or Place of Oaks. It is surveyed in *Domesday Book* as follows:

*Terra Wakeri Giffard in Stofield Hundred.*

Robertus tenet de Walterio Achelei pro iiii Hidis se defendebat. Terra est iiii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iiii Boves et ii Carucatae possunt fieri. Ibi ii Villani cum iiii Bordariis, habentibus ii Carucatas et dimidium. Ibi ii Servi. Pratum i Carucatae. Silva octingenta porcorum et vi. In totis valentiis valet et valuit xl Solidos. Tempore Regis Edwardi lx Solidos.

Hoc Manerium tenuit Alricus filius Godini, et vendere potuit.

Robert holds *Akelei* of *Walter Giffard*. It was rated at three Hides. The Arable is four Carucates. There are four Oxen in the Demesne, and two Carucates may be made. There are two Copyholders and four Cottagers, having two Ploughs and an Half. There are two Servants. Meadow sufficient for one Plough, and Mast for 86 Hogs. In the whole Value it is worth; and was always worth 40s. In the Time of King *Edward* 60s.

*Alric* Son of *Goding* held this Manor and could sell it.

This *Walter Giffard* being a near Relation to *William the Conqueror*, was by him made Earl of *Buckingham*, and founding a Priory of *Cluniac* Monks at his Manor of *Newinton-Longueville*, (which he made a Cell to *Longueville* Abby in *Normandy*) his Son and Successor *Walter Giffard*, as may be seen in the *Monasticon*, Vol. iii. p. 111. gave to it *Akileiam totam cum pertinentiis in bosco, et in plano, et decimationes omnes de Dominio, et Ecclesiam ejusdem Villae*; and the Tythes or Tenths of his Demesnes at *Buckingham, Borton, Lamport, Lillingston, and Bechampton*; and so this remained Part of the Possessions of *Newinton* Priory aforesaid, till the Dissolution *Anno* 1415, 3 *Henry V*; after which this Manor and Advowson was given by *Henry VI*, *Anno Regni* 19, 1441, to the Warden and Scholars of *New College* in *Oxford* and their Successors in Perpetuity: And so it has remained ever since. And they, viz. the

the said Warden and Scholars, are, *A. D.* 1735, the present Patrons of the Church and Lords of this Parish.

*Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, the Temporalities of the Priory of *Newinton* in *Acle* were valued at 4 *l.* 2 *s.* 4 *d.*<sup>a</sup>. And *Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII, their Demesnes here were returned to be of the clear Value of 8 *l.* 14 *s.* 9 *d.*

But besides this Manor of *Akeley* I meet with another Manor in this Parish called *Stockbolt*, though it is appendant on *Akeley*, which has had these Possessors, *viz.*

*Anno* 1344, 19 *Edw.* III<sup>b</sup>, *Stephen de Trafford* levied a Fine of *Stockbolt* Manor, to the Use of *Thomas Uffleet*, Parson of *Greens-Norton*. And *Anno* 21 of the same Reign, *Anno* 1346, the said *Uffleet*, then styled Dean of *St. Martin's Le Grand, London*, conveyed it to *John Gifford*, Canon of *York*, and *John Holt*; which said *John Holt*, *Anno* 1351, 26 *Edw.* III, passed it to *Thomas Brember*, and *Adam le Loriner* and *Agnes* his Wife.

*Anno* 1412, 13 *Hen.* IV, as in the Escheats, *Thomas Lynford* held this Manor. But in the next Reigns, *viz.* *Hen.* V. and *Hen.* VI, the *Bartons*, Lords of *Thornton*, were possessed of *Stockbolt* Manor and Lands there.

*Anno* 1472, 12 *Edw.* IV, a Fine passed of it from *Richard Quatremayns* and others to *Richard Fowler*<sup>c</sup>, who died seised thereof, *Anno* 1477, 17 *Edw.* IV.

*Anno* 1541, 32 *Hen.* VIII, *George Baldrye* is returned to die seised hereof on *Feb.* 14<sup>d</sup>, leaving Issue *Elizabeth* his Daughter and Heir, then an Infant of one Year and three Quarters old.

*Anno* 1620, 18 *James* I, *William Lamberd* died possessed of *Stockbolt* Manor<sup>e</sup>; whose Son *John Lamberd* died seised thereof *Anno* 1632, 7 *Charles* I, in his Minority; so it descended to his Sister and Heir, *Mary* Wife to Sir *Edward Bagot* of *Blithfeild*, in the County of *Stafford*, Bart. who was (as the Account of that antient Family sets forth) Daughter and Heir of *William Lamberd*, Esq. High-Bailiff of the antient Corporation of *Buckingham*; which Family of *Bagot*, as appears to me, about the Year 1667, conveyed it to *Simon Benet* of *Beckampton* and *Calverton*, Esq. who leaving Issue only Daughters, it came by Marriage of them to *John Benet*, Esq. and the Earl of *Salisbury*, and is now vested, *Anno* 1735, since the Decease of that worthy Lady his Daughter, Mrs. *Grace Benet*, Relict of the said *John Benet*, in his Grandson the Earl of *Salisbury*, Nephew to the said Mrs. *Benet*.

The Parish of *Akeley* with *Stockbolt* contains about 1100 Acres, and is, *Anno* 1712, assessed to the Land-Tax 67 *l.* 11 *s.* 8 *d.* Here are 41 Families and about 240 Souls. It is bounded West by *Maids Morton*, North by *Stow*, South by *Leckhampsted* and *Foxcote*, East by *Lillingston-Dayrell* and *Lillingston-Lovell*, which last Parish is in *Oxfordshire*.

The Church here, dedicated to *St. James the Apostle*, whose Festival is here observed the Sunday after *July* 25, is a mean small Building, consisting only of a Nave which is leaded, and Chancel which is tyled. At the West

<sup>a</sup> Valor Benefic. in Bibl. Bodl.

<sup>b</sup> Pedes Finium Co. *Buckingham*.

<sup>c</sup> Escheat.

<sup>d</sup> Inquisit. post Mortem.

<sup>e</sup> Ibid.

End is a wooden Turrit, lately rough cast, in which hang two small modern Bells. Over the Porch is this Date, 1656, being the Year when the said Porch was rebuilt.

Here are no painted Glafs or Monuments whatsoever, except these four on ordinary Grave-stones in the Chancel :

1. 1618. Heare lyeth *William Smithe*, Son of Doctor *Smithe*.
- 2 Here lyeth the Body of *Paul Pavely*, of *Stepney* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. who departed this Life the 15 of *Dec.* 1690.  
And also of *Anne* his Wife, who deceased the 26 Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1693.

These two lye without the Communion-Rails.

3. Here lyeth interred the Bodis of Mr. *Thomas* and Mrs. *Elizabeth Smyth*, late of *Buckingham*, his Sister. She dyed the 19 Day of *November*, in the 27. Year of her Age.
4. *Richardus Fienes* junior, obiit *April* 16, sepultus *April* 18, 1710.  
*Gulielmus filius Richardi Fienes*, natus duodecimo die *Martii*, denatus undecimo die *Julii* ejusdem Anni.  
*Chamberlain filius Richardi Fienes* Clerici, natus decimo tertio die *Aprilis* 1718, denatus decimo octavo *Julii* ejusdem Anni.

These two are within the Communion-Rails.

Doctor *Thomas Philpot*, Rector of this Church, and of *Turweston*, as they informed me, was buried here, but there is not the least Memorial for him.

The Register of this Parish begins but *Anno* 1682. The old one being burnt by one *Morgan*, Curate to Mr. *Longworth* the Rector, who being disordered in his Senses, also burnt his own Sermon-Notes, and Papers, as I am told.

*Anno* 1639, 14 *Charles* I, Nov. 1. this Terrier of the Parsonage was delivered in and signed by *Thomas Philpot* the then Rector :

The House consists of two Bays of Building, with an Homestall of two Acres. In *Lye* Field five Acres and an Half of Arable; in *Church-bill* Field five Acres of Arable. In *Stockwell* Field ten Acres of Arable one of *Ley* Ground and two of Meadow. In all 23 Acres and an Half besides the Home.

As to Charities in this Parish I only find that Sir *William Smith* left the Interest of One Hundred Pounds to be disposed of by the Warden and Fellows of *New-College, Oxford*, annually to the Poor of this Parish, not receiving Alms.

The NAMES of the RECTORS are as follow:

*William de Lincoln* was instituted *Anno* 1234, 19 *Hen.* III.

*John de St. Omer* was instituted *Anno* 1270, 55 *Hen.* III, on the Collation of the Bishop, no doubt, on a supposed Lapse. But I presume it was then possessed by one

*John de Acle*, who quitted it this Year, 1270, having gotten also *Great Harwood* Rectory.

Robert

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*Robert de Blak* was instituted 5 cal. *Mar.* 1270, 54 *Hen.* III, on the Presentation of the Priory or Abby of *Longueville*.

*Henry de Lillingston*, Rector of *Acle*, died 1307, 1 *Edw.* II, and was succeeded by

*Walter de Mullsworth*, instituted 3 *Id.* *Mar.* 1307, 1 *Edw.* II, on the Presentation of the Procurator or Proctor of *Longueville* Convent.

*John de Semer* was instituted cal. *Dec.* *Anno* 1314, 7 *Edw.* II, on the same Presentation.

*William Bovetonn* of *Lekbampsted* was instituted *Non.* *Nov.* 1330, 4 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of the Prior and Convent of *Longueville*, on the Death of *John Semer*.

*Thomas Hofel* alias *Persons*, was instituted 5 *Id.* *Nov.* 1357, 31 *Edw.* III, on the King's Presentation, on the Resignation of *William Bovetonn*.

*John de Flese* was presented by the King (by Reason of the Temporalities of the Convent of *Longueville* being at that Time in the King's Hands.) He exchanged it, for a Mediety of *Isham* in *Northamptonshire*, with

*Robert Pye*, 2 *Non.* *June* 1367, 41 *Edw.* III, and so *Pye* became presented by the Proctor of the Convent of *Longueville*. He exchanged it for *Westbury* Vicarage, with Consent of the Patrons of *Westbury*, viz. the Convent of *Elneftow*, with

*Thomas Makefare*, 10 *Feb.* 1370, 44 *Edw.* III. His Successor was

*William Edington*. He exchanged it for *Creslow* Rectory with

*William filius Roberti Ivonis de Houghton*, 1 *Dec.* 1398, 21 *Ric.* II. He held it not long, nor did his Successor,

*Thomas Alte Mille*, who exchanged it, *Anno* 1406, 7 *Hen.* IV, with

*John Northblode*, 25 *Oct.* for *Fringsford*, in the County of *Oxford*, and he became presented by the King, as did

*William Hangerton* on the Death of *Northblode* the next Year, viz. 18 *June*, 1407, 8 *Hen.* IV. He resigned it *Anno* 1409, 10 *Hen.* IV, having exchanged it for *Sutton-Bingham* in the County of *Somerset*, with

*John Plonket*, *Aug.* 4, 1410, 11 *Hen.* IV. He exchanged it for *Denge-worth* Vicarage with

*Roger Clotbam*, 18 *Oct.* 1432, 10 *Hen.* VI, and he became admitted by the King's Title. When he voided it I have not seen, nor the Institution of

*Thomas Teyngmary*, on whose Death, which happened *Anno* 1470, 10 *Ed.* IV.

*John Wilkins* became instituted 10 *May*, 1470, 10 *Edw.* IV, on the Presentation of the Warden and Fellows of *New-College, Oxford*. By whose Title all the succeeding Rectors have been instituted, and these were

*John Hopton*, instituted 15 *June*, 1474, 14 *Edw.* IV, on the Resignation of *John Wilkins*.

*William Bradfeild*, LL. B. succeeded *Anno* 1483, 1 *Edw.* V. He exchanged it for *Newington-Blossomville* near *Olney*, with

*Thomas Tomys*, who became presented 31 *March* 1499, 14 *Hen.* VII, on *Bradfeild's* Resignation. He died *Anno* 1510, 2 *Hen.* VIII, and was succeeded by

*Nicholas Johnson*, instituted 3 *April*, 1510, 2 *Hen.* VIII. He died *Anno* 1523, 15 *Hen.* VIII, and was succeeded by

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*John Hart*, instituted 7 *April*, 1523. He held it 35 *Hen. VIII*, and I suppose *Anno* 1549, 4 *Edw. VI*; about which Time I presume he died, and was succeeded by

*William Abbat*, who occurs Rector here *Anno* 1561, 4 *Eliz.* He died *Anno* 1575, 18 *Eliz.* and was succeeded by

*John Holes*, admitted 1 *Sept.* 1575, 18 *Eliz.* on the Death of *Abbat*.

*John Prichard*, A. B. was admitted 24 *July* 1584, 26 *Eliz.* as I find in the Registers at *Lambeth*. He occurs Rector here *Anno* 1607, 6 *James I.* His Successor, as in my Account, was

*Robert Polden*, B. D. instituted *Jan.* 31, 1622, 20 *James I.* He soon voided it, for

*Samuel Friers*, B. D. took it *Anno* 1623, 21 *James I.* He quitted it for *Great Harwood*, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Philpot*, A. M. afterwards S. T. P. *Anno* 1624, 22 *James I.* of whom see an Account in *A. Wood, etc.* He died Rector of this Church and *Turweston*; and was buried here in the Chancel, without any Memorial, *Anno* 1671, 23 *Charles II.* and succeeded by

*John Longworth*, LL. B. instituted 30 *Sept.* 1671. He resigned it to his Kinsman

*Peter Longworth*, LL. B. instituted 26 *Mar.* 1678, 30 *Charles II.* He died and was buried here, 5 *Feb.* 1702, 1 *Anne*, and was succeeded by

*Richard Fienes*, A. M. instituted 8 *April*, 1703, 2 *Anne*. He died at *Winchester*, being Fellow of the College there, *Anno* 1722, 8 *George I.* and was succeeded by

*Francis Pyle*, A. M. instituted *May* 24, 1722, 8 *George I.* on the Death of *Fienes*. He quitted it for *Hornchurch* in *Essex*, being also Rector of *Addington*, and was succeeded by

*Richard Percyvall*, LL. B. instituted 25 *April*, 1726, 12 *George I.* on whose quitting it for *Radcliff*,

*Augustine Goodwin*, LL. B. became instituted 27 *Sept.* 1727, 1 *George II.* who is the present Rector, *Anno* 1735.

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THE Word *Barton* has divers Significations, it importing a *Fold*, or *Farm-Yard*, or *Homestall*, and the Appellation of *Hartstone* (which is to distinguish it from other *Bartons*) may denote either its Owner or chief Possessor. Or imply its standing in *Forests* or *Woods*, viz. being a Town of *Harts* or *Deer*.

In *Domesday-Book* it is surveyed as follows:

I

*Terra*

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis in Rovelai Hundred.*

Ernulfus de Hesding tenet de Episcopo Bertone pro x Hidis se defendebat. Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio ii Carucatae. Ibi sunt iiii Bordarii habentes i Carucatam et ii Carucatae possunt fieri. Ibi iiii Servi. Pratum iiii Carucatarum de pastura xxx s. Silva c porcorum. In totis valentiis valet iiii libras. Quando recepit xl Solidos. Tempore Regis Edwardi lx Solidos.

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Wilaf Teignus Comitis, et vendere potuit.*

*Ernulf de Hesding* holds of the Bishop of *Bajeux, Bertone*. It was rated at ten Hides. The Plough Land, or Arable is five Carucates. There are four Copyholders; they have one Carucate, and can make two Carucates. There are four Servants, and Meadow for three Carucates, and Pasture of 30 s. Value, and Mast for 100 Hogs. In the whole Value it is worth, 4 l. when he received 40 s. In the Time of King *Edward* 60 s.

*Wilaf*, a Knight, who owed military Service to Earl *Lewine*, held this Manor and could sell it.

After this Bishop *Odo* falling into Disgrace with *William Rufus*, Anno 1088, in the second Year of that King's Reign, and having his Lands taken away from him, I presume these of *Barton* were given to the *Doyls*, Founders of *Osney* Abby; for I find; Anno 1149, 15 *Stephen*, an Hide and an Half of Land at *Barton Odonis* (which seems to be this *Barton*) mentioned to be given to *Osney* Monastery.

Anno 9 *Hen. III*, 1247<sup>a</sup>, I find a Fine passed of Lands and Messuages in *Barton*, from *Sibill de Kaversfeild* to *Henry de Barton*.

But the chief Demesnes, together with the Church of this Town, were granted, Anno 1244, 28 *Hen. III*, on founding of *Cbetwode* Priory by *Ralph de Norwich*, to that Convent<sup>b</sup>. And so both these Religious Houses, viz. *Osney* and *Cbetwode*, became almost the sole Proprietors of this small Parish, and each of them had their respective Manors herein. I shall begin with the first of these, as of the earlier Foundation, viz. *Osney* Abby.

Anno 1291, 19 *Edw. I*, I find in the *Lincoln* Taxation, that Convent had at *Barton*, in Lands, Rents, and in a Dove-house 62 s. and in Tythes 7 s. and in another Taxation the said Abby is returned to have in Temporalities in *Parva Barton* 3 l. 9 s. 0 d.

And though, Anno 1542, 33 *Hen. VIII*<sup>c</sup>, on converting the Abby of *Osney* into a Cathedral, and founding the new Bishoprick of *Oxford*, the Rectory and Advowson of *Barton* was given to the Dean and Chapter of *Oxford*; yet it remained not long in their Hands, but was reassumed by the Crown, and so became (as I judge) purchased by *William Risley* of *Hen. VIII*, together with *Cbetwode*. For on his Death, which happened July 11, 1552, 6 *Edw. VI*, his Son and Heir *William Risley*, had Livery of the Manor, Rectory, and Advowson of *Barton*, together with *Cbetwode*, late Parcel of the Possessions of *Nutley* Abby, in whose Family it now remains, as I shall

<sup>a</sup> Pedes Fin. Anno 9 *Hen. III*. n. 117.

<sup>b</sup> Ped. Fin.

<sup>c</sup> R. Pat. Anno 33 *Hen. VIII*. p. 3. shew

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shew anon, after having first discussed of the Manor belonging to *Osney*, which by Letters Patent, dated *Sept. 29, 1544, 35 Hen. VIII*, being (on a forced Exchange for the Manors of *Mixbury* and *Fulkwell*) granted to *John Welleborne* by King *Hen. VIII*, he, or his Heir, continued seized thereof till *1570, 12 Eliz.* when he conveyed to *Edmund Paxton* such Part of the Premises as the said *Paxton* and his Family had heretofore held as Lessee Tenants of the Abby of *Osney*, and were then his Lessee Tenants; which coming by Marriage of a Daughter of *Paxton* to the Family of *Butterfeild*, passed from *Butterfeild* also in Marriage, about the Year *1716*, to *George Southam*, the present Proprietor, *Anno 1735*.

And the Family of *Porter*, which occurs so early as *1498*, in *Henry VII.*'s Reign, the principal Lessee Tenants of the Abbies of *Osney* and *Nutley*, having also, as I am informed, purchased from *Welleborne* the Fee-Simple of their Estate, their Posterity likewise continued seized thereof till the Year *1630*, when *Richard Porter*<sup>4</sup> (who had, *Anno 1624*, enclosed the Parish) sold his Right and Title to *Thomas Lisle*, in whose Heirs it hath been vested ever since, the present Lord heretof, *Anno 1735*, being *Thomas Farmer Lisle*, of *Impley*, in the County of *Oxford*, Esq.

As to the other Manor, heretofore the Property of the Priory of *Chetwode*, and since *1460* of the Abby of *Nutley*, it having been granted, together with the Rectory, Vicarage, and Advowson of the Church, to *William Risley*, *Anno 1542, 33 Hen. VIII*. he died seized thereof *Anno 1552, 6 Edw. VI*, and was succeeded by his Son *William Risley*; who, as the Inquisition taken on his Death, which happened *Jan. 29, 1602, 1 James I*, sets forth, died seized of the Manor, Rectory, and Advowson of *Barton-Hartborne*, and left Issue *Paul Risley* his Son and Heir, aged forty Years and more; who dying *Anno 1646, 21 Charles I.* and the elder Branch of his Family becoming extinct in his Son *Thomas Risley*, who died *Anno 1671, 23 Charles II*, it came to his Nephew *Henry Risley*, Esq. Father of *Paul Risley*, Esq. the present Possessor, *Anno 1735*.

The Parish of *Barton*, which is said to contain *730 Acres*, near Half of which belong to Mr. *Risley*, is bounded South by *Stratton-Audley*, North by *Newton-Purcell*, and *Finnere* in the County of *Oxford*, East by *Tingwick*, and West by *Chetwode*. The Rectory was *Anno 1534, 25 Hen. VIII*, in the Rental of *Nutley Abby* (which Convent had here in Temporalties the same Year *2 l. 2 s. 8 l.*) valued at *5 l. 6 s. 6 d.* though *Anno 1291, 19 Edw. I*, it was rated at only two Marks.

The Number of Families in the Parish was, *Anno 1712*, returned to be twenty, and it was then assessed to the Land-tax *92 l. 15 s. 9 d.* It was then returned that there were no Lands in this Parish given to Charities.

In the Year *1276, 4 Edw. I*, there was a Dispute about three Farthings Tythe, payable from *John Carastareus*, or *Carter*, to the Prior of *Chetwode*, which the Prior receded from, and released for the Sake of Peace.

<sup>4</sup> Ex Informatione Geo. Southam, Generosi de Barton.

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The Church here is a small Fabrick, consisting only of a tyled Body and Chancel. At the West End is a little Turrit lathed and plaistered over, and tyled at Top, in which hang two small Bells.

Here are no Arms or Monuments whatsoever, or any thing memorable, except some small Remains of painted Glass, on which are the Portraitures of the Blessed Virgin, with these Words over her, AVE MARIA; and the Effigies of St. *Peter*, and a Crucifix. It is dedicated to St. *James*, and the Feast is kept here the *Sunday* after *July 25*.

The Parish Register begins *Anno 1567, 9 Eliz.* but has little memorable in it; and no Entries of the Names of the Ministers. What I took down is as follows:

*Henry*, Son of *Edward Porter*, baptized *Anno 1569*.

*Edmund*, Son of *William Paxton*, baptized *Anno 1584*.

*Richard*, Son of *John Porter*, baptized *Anno 1589*.

*John Porter* buried *Anno 1601*.

*Isabel*, Wife of *Richard Porter*, Gent. buried *Anno 1626*.

*Edward*, Son of *George Southam* and *Eleanor* his Wife (who was the Heiress of *Butterfeild*) baptized *Anno 1719*.

The said *George Southam* has very decently ornamented the Church, which is kept very neat.

The Exhibit of the Terrier, in the Archdeacon of *Buckingham's* Office, of this Place and *Cbetwode*, which are held together, is as follows:

*Barton and Cbetwode, 23 November, 1639.*

*Phillip Stokes*, Minister.

The Church Wardens certify, that *Thomas Risley*, Gent. was Impropiator of *Barton*, and that it was worth 60*l. per Annum*, and that Mr. *Philip Stokes* hath 20*l. per Annum* for serving the Cure of both. And that there is no House.

The Church Wardens of *Cbetwode* certify the same, and that the Impropiation of *Cbetwode* was worth 43*l. 5 s. 8 d. per Annum*; and so both Parishes, together with both the Rectories of them, were worth 103 *l. 5 s. 8 d. per Annum*.

This Church, lying so near the Conventual Church of *Cbetwode*, was made a Vicarage *Anno 1276, 4 Edw. I.* and both Vicarage and Rectory consolidated; and the Cure of both served by a Monk of *Cbetwode* before that Religious House was united to *Nutley Abby, Anno 1460, 1 Edw. IV.* and since it has been supplied in the same Manner as *Cbetwode* by the same Minister to both.

The Registers of *Lincoln* furnish us with no Names of Rectors of *Barton*, and only these Vicars:

Frater, or Friar *William de Bricefworth*, Canon of *Cbetwode*, was presented to the Vicarage of *Barton* near *Cbetwode, 8 March, 1290, 18 Edw. I.* by the Prior and Convent of *Cbetwode*.

Frater *Roland de Langham*, Canon of *Cbetwode*, was admitted 7 cal. *March, 1301, 29 Edw. I.* on the Resignation of Friar *William*, to the parochial Cure  
of



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of the Church of *Barton*, by the Prior and Convent of *Cbetwode*, they holding the Church of *Barton* to their own Use.

*Robert de Barton* was instituted 3 *Non. Maii*, 1328, 2 *Edw. III*, on the Death of *Langham*.

*Philip de Winchington* admitted 15 *Cal. Oct.* 7 *Edw. III*, on the Death of *Barton*.

*Adam de Cbetwode*, instituted 3 *Id. Oct.* 1349, on the Death of *Philip de Winchington*, Canon of *Cbetwode*, the last Vicar.

Fra<sup>r</sup> *John de Norton*, instituted Anno 1351, 25 *Edw. III*, on the Resignation of *Adam de Cbetwode*.

Fra<sup>r</sup> *Richard Evenlode*, instituted 5 *Aug.* 1352, 26 *Edw. III*, on the Resignation of *Norton*. The next I meet with is

Friar *John Sampson*, instituted 15 *May* 1392; 15 *Ric. II*.

*Nicholas Schrowesbury*, Canon of *Cbetwode*, instituted 26 *April*, 1398, 21 *Ric. II*, to the vacant Vicarage of *Barton*.

After him I meet with no more Names of Ministers, except the Admission of *Nicholas de Audeswell*, Aug. 11, 1411, 12 *Hen. IV*, by *Thomas Arundel*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, until I find

*Michael Bone* subscribes himself Curate of *Barton*, Anno 1525; as does

*John Crewer*, Anno 1542, 33 *Hen. VIII*. After which the same Persons who have had *Cbetwode* seem to have held *Barton*, as they do now at this Day. These were

*James Eaton*, Anno 1561, 3 *Eliz.*

*Edward le Mortin*, who occurs Anno 1583, 25 *Eliz.* as does

*Henry Beverley*, Anno 1598, 40 *Eliz.* and 1608, 6 *James I.* as does

*Philip Stokes*, Anno 1617, 15 *James I.* and 1639, 14 *Charles I.*

*Thomas Bury* held it Anno 1640, and also Anno 1660, and left it Anno 1663 for *Twysford*.

*James Platt* styles himself Minister Anno 1663; as does

*Thomas Horne*, who took out a Licence for it, 19 *Oct.* 1664. He also served here Anno 1650, 2 *Charles II*, being that Year returned to officiate in these Churches.

*Arthur Stanton*, LL. B. was licenced 17 *Oct.* 1676, and occurs Curate Anno 1682, and 1689.

*Thomas Osborne* succeeded Anno 1690, and left it for *Tingwick* Curacy.

*Thomas Crowle* succeeded Anno 1693; as did

*Littleton Burton* about 1697.

*Thomas Cooper*, Anno 1701.

*John Welles*, Anno 1707.

*John Stanton* succeeded *Welles* Anno 1725. His Successor was

*Roger Price* about Anno 1730, to whom succeeded

*George Burton* the present Curate, Anno 1734.

## B E C H A M P T O N,

**C**ALLED in *Doomsday Book Becentone*, which may be interpreted, *the Brook in the Town*: *Bec* signifying *Torrents*, which agrees well with the Situation of the Place, the Houses in the Town being divided by a *Brook* running between them. Or the Name may come from *Becban, parvus*, and so will signify *the little Town*. For it can have no Pretence to be denominated from *Beeches*. In the *Norman Survey* it is thus described :

*Terra Walteri Giffard in Rovelai Hundred.*

*In Becentone tenet Hugo de Walterio v Hidas pro uno Manerio. In Dominio sunt ii et v Villani cum ix Bordariis habentibus iii Carucatas. Ibi i Servus et i Molinum de x Solidis. Pratum duarum Carucatarum. Intoties Valentis valet iv l. Quando recepit xxx s. Tempore Regis Edwardi iv l. et x Solidos.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Alric, Homo et Teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

*In Becentone Hugh holds of Walter Gifford v Hides for one Manor. In Demesne are two Hides. There are v Copyholders and ix Cottagers holding iii Carucates. There is i Servant and i Mill of x s. Value; of Meadow there are two Carucates. In the whole it is worth iv l. when he received xxx s. In King Edward's Time iv l. x s.*

*Alric a Tenant and Thane of King Edward's held this Manor, and could sell it.*

*Terra Leuvini de Neweham in Rovelai Hundred.*

*In Becentone tenet Leuvinus iv Hidas pro uno Manerio. Terra est iv Carucatarum. In Dominio i et ibi sunt ii Carucate et v Villani cum vi Bordariis habentibus ii Carucatas. Ibi ii Servi. Pratum iii Carucatarum. Valet et valet xl s. Tempore Regis Edwardi l s.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit idem Leuvinus, et vendere potuit.*

*In Becentone Leuvinus holds iv Hides for one Manor. The Arable is iv Carucates, there is one Hide in Demesne: and there are ii Carucates and v Copyholders with vi Cottagers holding ii Carucates. There are ii Servants. Of Meadow iii Carucates. It is worth xl s. In King Edward's Time l s.*

*The same Leuvinus held this Manor, and could sell it.*

*Terra Rogeri de Iverai in Rovelai Hundred.*

*In Becentone tenet Leuvinus de Rogero i Hidam. Terra est i Carucate. Et ibi est cum ii Villanis Pratum i Carucate. Valet et valet x s.*

*Hanc terram tenuit Leuvinus Homo Azor, et vendere potuit.*

*Leuvinus holds of Roger de Iverai in Becentone i Hide, the Arable is i Carucate, and there is with Two Villains Meadow of i Carucate. It is worth, and was worth x s.*

*This Land Leuvinus a Man of Azor held, and he could sell it.*

This *Walter Giffard*, made Earl of *Buckingham* by the *Conqueror*, as shewn in *Akely*, founding a Priory at *Newnton Longueville*, his Son and Successor gave thereto the Tenths of his Demesnes at *Bechampton*. To whom this Manor passed after his Death, *Anno 1164*, 10 *Hen. II.*, on Division of his Lands, I have not seen, nor who succeeded *Lewwine de Newebam* in the other Manor; but about the Year 1180, 26 *Hen. II.*, these two Manors seem to have been in the Hands of the *Fitz Richards* and *Fitz Neels*, of which the last, who was Lord of *Salden*, gave his Mediety of the Advowson of *Bechampton* Church to the Monks of *Luffield*, as may be seen in the *Monasticon*, Vol. i. p. 525. which Donation not being fully compleated, was, as I find, confirmed *Anno 1327*, 3 *Edw. III.*, by *Richard Fitz Neel*, with the Consent of *Agnès* his Wife. But the chief Lords or Proprietors here were the Family of the *Bechamptons*, who were Patrons of the other Mediety of this Church in King *John's* Time, which, as I presume, they acquired from the *Fitz Richards*; for *Anno 1228*, 11 *Hen. III.*, *Richard Fitz Richard* passed a Fine of Lands here to *William de Bechampton* and his Heirs; and two Years afterwards, viz. *Anno 1230*, 14 *Hen. III.*, this *Richard Fitz Richard* granted an Hide of Land to the Prior and Monks<sup>a</sup> of *Snellshall*, which *Richard* Son of *Roger de Bechampton* also confirmed to the said Convent in the Time of *Matthew* Archdeacon of *Bucks*.

In the *Pleas of the Crown*, *Anno 1230*, 14 *Hen. III.*, I find that *Alexander de Tatebo* or *Tottenboe*, and *Cicily* his Wife, gave half a Hide of Land in *Bechampton* to the Priory of *Snellshall*, and *Anno 1287*, 17 *Edw. I.*, a Fine was levied between *John le Lou* and *Amy* his Wife Demandants, and *John* Son of *William de Bechampton* Deforciant<sup>b</sup>, of 2 Parts of the Manor of *Bechampton*, the Property of *Amy*, and the said *John*, Son of *William de Bechampton*, agreed that the third Part of this Manor, which *Margery* Wife of *William de Bechampton* held in Dower, should go in Remainder to the said *John* and *Amy* *Lou*, which *Amy* was, I presume, Daughter and Heiress of the *Bechamptons*: But in the Name of *Lou* this Estate did not long continue, for *Anno 1314*, 7 *Edw. II.*, *Philip de Hardresbull* and *Amy* his Wife levied a Fine of it; *Hardresbull* being, as I suppose, second Husband to the said *Amy*; and, *Anno 1331*, 5 *Edw. III.*, this *Philip Hardresbull* presented a Clerk to his Mediety here, which was called the Lord's Mediety.

From *Hardresbull* this Manor, with the Advowson of the Mediety, passed in *Edw. III.*'s Time to the *Wolfs*, which Family were Lords and Patrons here in *Richard II.* and *Henry IV.* Reigns.

*Anno 1406*, 7 *Hen. IV.* *Philip Wolf* and *Elizabeth* his Wife passed a Fine of this Manor, and of a Mediety of the Advowson, to Sir *Richard Arches*, who reconveyed it with Remainder in Tail to *John Wolf*, Son of *Philip Wolf*, and *Joan* his Wife, and to the Heirs of *John Wolf*. From this Family of *Wolf* the Manor and Advowson seems to have come, *Temp. Hen. VI.* in Marriage to the *Edys* and *Fosters*, for, *Anno 1470*, 10 *Edw. IV.* *William Foster* and *Joan* his Wife, and *John Pigot*, who had married the Daughter of

<sup>a</sup> Ex chartulario de *Snellshall*.

<sup>b</sup> Pedes Finium.

<sup>c</sup> Ibid.

<sup>d</sup> Ibid.

<sup>e</sup> Ex Registro *Chedworth Ep. Lincoln.*  
Folio 103 inter Memoranda.

*Edy*, being Joint Patrons, agreed with the Prior and Convent of *Luffield* to unite and consolidate the two Medieties, and fix them in one Clerk or Rector, and present alternately with *Luffield*; which Agreement was effected, and so continued for above 100 Years in the separate alternate Patronage of each Party concordant.

How long the *Foßers* continued possessed of their Demesnes here I have not seen. But as the *Pigotts* married into their Family in *Hen. VII's* Reign, I presume their Estate here came by Marriage to that Family, which dwelt some Generations at the Manor House, known by the Name of *Bechampton Hall*, where in the Windows of the great House I find their Arms put up, with their Matches with *Dayrell* and *Edy* respectively quartered.

In a Will I have seen of *Robert Pigott*, Son to *John Pigott*, made *Anno 1557*, 4 *Marie*, he appointed his Body to be buried in the Church here. To him succeeded *Thomas Pigott* his Son and Heir, who died seized of this Manor and alternate Advowson, *Anno 1595*, 39 *Eliz.* and was succeeded by his second Son *George Pigot*; *Valentine* his eldest Son, Counsellor at Law, dying in his Father's Life Time without Issue Male; and *Matthew* his third Son being Rector of this Church. This *George Pigott* died *Anno 1602*, 44 *Eliz.* and willed to be buried here. His Successor was *Thomas Pigott*, his only Son, as seems to me, who occurs possessed hereof *Anno 1605*, 3 *Jac. I.* about 4 Years after which, he sold this Manor and his alternate Turn in the Advowson to Sir *Thomas Bennet*, Knight, Citizen and Lord Mayor of *London*, who, about the same time, viz. *Anno 1610*, 8 *Jac. I.* purchased the other Turn of Sir *Arthur Throckmorton* (who had it vested in him by Gift of the Crown to his Father by a Grant of the antient Right and Title of the Convent of *Luffield*,) and so having acquired the entire Patronage, died possessed hereof *Anno 1626*, 1 *Car. I.* He also besides the Manor purchased other Lands here of Sir *William Andrews*, and other Proprietors, of which I find there were many on the Enclosing this Lordship *Anno 1578*, 20 *Eliz.* To this Sir *Thomas Bennet*, who died *Anno 1626* as aforesaid, succeeded *Simon Bennet* his Second Son, created a Baronet July 17, 1627, 2 *Car. I.* who being settled at the Hall in his Father's Life Time kept great Hospitality there, and by his last Will and Testament, dated 15 August 1631, 6 *Car. I.* bequeathed his Tythes of *Boreton* in the Parish of *Buckingham* to divers Charitable Uses<sup>f</sup>, among which he gave 5 *l. per Ann.* to the Repairs of this Church, and 12 *l. 10 s. per Annum* to Clothe with Jerkins, Breeches, and Stockings six poor, impotent, and aged Men, who had been dwelling 3 Years in this Town, and ordered that the said Cloaths should be provided against the Feast of *St. Simon and Jude*, and that the odd Ten Shillings of the said 12 *l. 10 s.* should go to the Overseers for their Care and Pains. He gave also the like sum of 12 *l. 10 s.* to *Calverton*. And 20 *l. 10 s. per Annum* for the like Uses for Clothing ten Persons in the same Manner, on the West Side of *Stony Stratford*, who had been dwelling there for seven Years last past; the care of Clothing these Persons, he committed to the Church Wardens and Constable. He likewise devised 20 Nobles *per Annum*, towards the Repair

*At that time L.  
of the manor of  
Simpson.*

<sup>f</sup> Ex Testamento.

of the High-ways in *Bechampton*, and gave 20 *l. per Annum* to the Town of *Buckingham* to Cloth 10 Persons in the same Manner as at *Stony Stratford*, the bestowing of which he committed to the High Bailiff and Capital Burgeſſes of that antient Corporation. He gave also a Lodge and some Coppices in *Whittlebury* Forest, to Dame *Eliz.* his Wife for her Life, and impow-ered Sir *George Crooke*, one of the Justices of the King's Bench, and Sir *Arthur Ingram* Knight, to apply two Years Profits thereof to the Master and Fellows of *Univerſity* College in *Oxford*, towards compleating their new Buildings : and gave and appointed to the said Master and Fellows, for founding four new Fellowships and four new Scholarships, as follows, viz. to every new Fellow 20 *l. per Annum*, and to every new Scholar 10 *l. per Annum*. He also gave to the Marriage of 20 poor Maids in *Bechampton* and *Calverton* 100 *l.* And dying here the same Year he was buried in the Chancel of this Church, without the least Memorial of him or his Benefactions, to the no small Dishonour of his Heirs, and others who have received so much, and daily partake of his Munificence, especially *Univerſity* College, to whom he was the greatest single Benefactor they ever had. However, as that Society have agreed to erect a Monument, it is to be hoped that they will not longer defer putting up one over his Grave. On his Death, without Issue, this Estate and Manor came to his Nephew and Heir, *Simon Benet*, Son to his younger Brother *Richard Benet*, who removed from hence to *Calverton*, where he had fitted up an House about the Year 1660, 12 *Car. II.*; and dying there *Anno* 1682, 34 *Car. II.*, was buried here, having bequeathed the Interest of 50 *l.* to the Poor of this Parish. But leaving Issue only Daughters, this Manor, after the Death of *Grace* his Wife, (who was robbed and barbarously murdered on *Sept. 19, 1694* by one *Barnes*, a Butcher of *Stony Stratford*, who for this Crime was afterwards executed,) descended to her Sons in Law, viz. *John Benet* of *Abingdon* in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq. by Marriage of that good Lady Mrs. *Grace Benet* her eldest surviving Daughter, and to *James Cecil* Earl of *Salisbury*, by Marriage of her younger Daughter *Frances*. And the said Mrs. *Grace Benet*, and her Nephew, the Earl of *Salisbury*, her Sister's Son, are, *Anno* 1732, the present Possessors of this Manor, and Patrons of the Church. An elder Sister to these Ladies was *Eliz.* born at the Hall here *Anno* 1659, who marrying *Edward Osborne* Lord Viscount *Latimer*, he became through his Residence here elected in two Parliaments, *Annis* 30 & 31 *Car. II.* one of the Burgeſſes for the County Town of *Bucks.*

I find there were here Lands, which continuing in the Crown became Part of the Dower of the Queens of *England*, particularly one Pasture Ground which is yet known or called by the Name of *Queens Close*.

The famous Duke of *Bedford* Regent of *France* in King *Henry VIth's* Reign, *Anno* 1416, in the 4th Year of the Reign of his Brother King *Hen. V.* having obtained a Grant in General Tail of the Manors of *Salden* and *Mursley*, and a Market and Fair at *Mursley*, laid claim to this Manor of *Bechampton*, as I suppose from the Lords of *Salden*, the *Fitz Neels* Heirs.

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As to the Advowson of the Church, it being, as aforesaid, divided into two Patronages; one Part thereof became appendant to the Manor, as hath been already shewn; and the other belonged to the Priory of *Lusfield*, which having been likewise before related, I shall only briefly here observe touching these Medieties, (which yet are kept up at *Waddesden* and *Cheesham* in this County) that when a Parish was originally in two or three Lords, tho' they agreed together in building of a Church, yet they did not so in endowing it; but each bestowing the Tythes of his own Lands, as he saw proper, nominated and provided his particular Clerk, or Rector, to administer to his Tenants: So this Advowson of *Bechampton*, being thus separated between the Lords of the Town and the Convent of *Lusfield*, each Patron in their Turns, as Vacancies happened, presented their several respective Incumbents, and so two Rectors officiated here, till *Anno. 1470, 10 Edw. IV.*, on the uniting the Medieties as aforementioned.

But besides these great Charities of *Sir Simon Benet*, Baronet, one *William Elmer* a principal Inhabitant here, enjoying the Estate in this Parish which antiently belonged to *Snellsall* Priory, of near 100 Acres of Land, bequeathed the same to charitable Uses, and vested it in six Trustees or Feoffees, whereof

“ two were to be Inhabitants of *Bechampton*, one of *Whaddon*, one of *Nash*,  
 “ one of *Calverton*, and one of *Maidsmorton* Parishes; who by the Donor's  
 “ Will were to cloth sixteen poor People, viz. 8 Men, and 8 Women, with  
 “ an Allowance of 40 s. *per Annum* to each poor Man, and 20 s. to each poor  
 “ Woman; which were to be nominated by his Feoffees, out of the above-  
 “ mentioned Parishes; the Men to be aged and honest People, worn out by  
 “ their Labour; the Women to be Widows, being aged and quiet People;  
 “ whereof three of the Men and three of the Women were to dwell in *Bechampton* Parish; two Men and two Women in *Whaddon*; one Man and  
 “ one Woman in *Nash*; one Man and one Woman in *Calverton*; one Man  
 “ and one Woman in *Maidsmorton* Parish: and willed that every third Year,  
 “ these sixteen Folks should have a Gown of *Black Cloth*, value 13 s. each,  
 “ with a *W. E.* mark on the Left Shoulder in *Red Cloth*, and the half Year  
 “ they have their Gowns, not to have their Money; and that when any of  
 “ them die, to chuse others out of the same Town, as they shall die; so that  
 “ they should always be sixteen in Number, and then when any of the Feoffees  
 “ die, the Survivors shall chuse an honest Man out of the same Town, where  
 “ he died; viz. *Bechampton*, *Whaddon*, *Nash*, *Calverton*, and *Maidsmorton*.  
 “ The Estate he bequeathed to his Charities, being the House where he dwelt,  
 “ called the *Grange*, and these Closes viz. The *Home Close*, *Whites Close*,  
 “ *New Close*, *Safford Close*, *Round Hill Close*, *Little Mead*, *Thibsey Field*, *Corn*  
 “ *Close*, *Bridge Mead*, all in *Bechampton*, with his Lands in *Whaddon*, *Nash*,  
 “ and *Calverton* Fields. He also devised 16 s. a Year to the Repair of a Bridge  
 “ in *Bechampton*, called *Broken Bridge*: and likewise out of these Estates em-  
 “ powered and appointed his Feoffees or Trustees, to found and endow a *Free*  
 “ *School*, in *Bechampton*; which, when built and finished, out of the Profits  
 “ of his Estate, he directed that they should nominate, appoint, and elect an  
 “ *honest, able, and sufficient Person*, being a good Scholar, and a *single Man*, to be

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“ School-

" School-master, and there continually to *dwell* and *abide*, and to *teach* and  
 " *instruct* all such Youth and Children, as shall resort unto him; in the *Eng-*  
 " *lish* and *Latin* Tongues, and to *cast Accounts*; and in Case the said School-  
 " master shall *die*, *depart*, or *marry*, that the said Feoffees shall chuse another  
 " School-master, qualified as aforesaid; and if he should prove a vicious Man,  
 " cut down Timber, without the Trustees Consent, misuse his Scholars, or do  
 " any thing unfitting; they shall have Power to put him out, and chuse ano-  
 " ther." This Will bears Date *Jan. 3, 1648*, and was proved *May 3, 1653*, by  
 his Feoffees; who having, as directed, finished the School House out of  
 the Profits of the Estate *Anno 1667*, they appointed the Reverend Mr. *John*  
*Mansell*, LL. B. of *Magdalen-hall, Oxford*, to be first Master, who became  
 licensed 23 *March 1669*, 21 *Car. II.* He resigning the Mastership *Anno 1675*,  
 was succeeded by

*John Owen*, A. B. of *All Souls-College, Oxford*, licensed *October 14, 1675*,  
 27 *Charles II.* to whom succeeded *Anno 1678*, 8 *Jan.*

*Abraham Freestone*, A. B. of *Sidney-College, Cambridge*; he quitted it, being  
 beneficed in *Lincolnshire*, and was succeeded by

*Benjamin Pritchard*, A. M. Fellow of *Brazen-nose College, Oxon.* elected  
 3 *December, 1703*, and licensed 3 *May, 1706*, he resigned it to his Brother

*Herbert Pritchard*, A. M. Fellow also of *Brazen-nose College*, who was  
 licensed 24 *April, 1712*. On whose quitting it

*William Cooke*, also of *Brazen-nose College*, became elected *Anno 1717*,  
 and is the present Master *Anno 1735*.

Mr. *Mansell* the first Master lived till *January 31, 1729*, when he died,  
 and was buried at *Calgrave* in the County of *Norhampton*, where he was  
 Rector, being aged about 86 Years.

The Parish of *Bechampton* contains about 1200 Acres, and is bounded  
 South by *Wbaddon*, East by *Calverton*, West by *Tbornton*, and North by  
 the two *Wickens* and *Passenham* in *Norhamtonshire*. It is assessed to the Land  
 Tax 1781. 18 s. *per Annum*. Here are 34 Houses or Families and 150  
 Souls.

The Rectory is thus returned in the Valor, made *Anno 1291*, 18 *Edw. I.*  
*Ecclesia de Bechampton, Ibid. ii Rectores.*

*Portio Rectoris de Patronatu Prioris de Luffield valet iv Marcas.*

*Portio Rectoris de Patronatu Dominorum Vill. deduct. Porcione, valet iv*  
*Marcas.*

*In eadem habet Prior de Longville xx s.*

'Twas rated for First Fruits as it now pays, *Anno 1534*. 26 *Hen. VIII*,  
 14 l. 16 s. 5 d. and is of the reputed Value of 120 l. *per Annum*.

The Terrier given in *Anno 1639*. 14 *Car. I.* by Mr. *Thomas Birchmore*  
 Rector, is as follows:

The House of four Bays lofted and tyled. A Barn of four Bays thatcht. The  
 Home Close, Orchards, and Yards of two Acres and an Half. Nine Roods  
 of Glebe Meadow in *Dawes Mead*, three Roods of Glebe Meadow in *Syd-*  
*mead*, two Roods of Glebe Meadow in *South Mead*, half an Acre of Glebe  
 Meadow in *North Mead*. An Acre of Meadow in *Mill Holme*, in Lieu of  
 Tythe,

Tythe, for the Bridge Meadows, except some certain Plots. An enclosed Ground called the *Hanging Fields*, containing 20 Acres, and a Ground called *Corn Field*. A Ground of six Acres, called the *Furzeney Close*, abutting on Sir *William Andrews's* Ground.

Total of Acres 30 and an Half and two Roods, besides the *Corn Fields*, and the *Holmes*.

The Register begins *Anno* 1628, 3 *Car. I.* Out of it, I took these Entries.

*Thomas*, Son of *Simon Benet*, Esquire, and *Grace* his Wife, baptized *May*, 1652.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Simon Benet*, Esquire, and *Grace* his Wife, baptized 27 *March*, 1659.

## B U R I A L S.

*Sir Simon Benet*, Baronet, 22 *Aug.* 1631.

*William Elmer*, Founder of the Free School, 19 *March* 1652.

*Thomas*, Son of *Simon Benet*, Esquire, and *Grace* his Wife, 5 *May* 1652.

*Mrs. Kent*, the Minister's Wife, *Anno* 1654.

*Mrs. Pilkington*, the Minister's Wife, *Anno* 1658.

*Mary*, Daughter of *Simon Benet*, Esq. 27 *July*, 1663.

*Simon*, Son of *Simon Benet*, Esq. and *Grace* his Wife, of *Calverton*, 25 *Aug.* 1675.

*Ezekiel Couchman*, the Rector, and his Wife, both buried on the same Day, viz. 17 *Dec.* 1670.

*Mrs. Eyre*, Wife to Mr. *Reginald Eyre*, the Rector—1674.

*Simon Benet*, Esq. 21 *Aug.* 1682.

*Mary*, Daughter of *Thomas Willis*, Esq. who rented the Hall, 21 *Aug.* 1686.

*Mrs. Grace Benet*, 27 *Sept.* 1694. She was barbarously murdered, 19 *Sept.* at her House at *Calverton*.

Here are in the Church two Copes of different Colours. One of which is used for the Communion Table, and the other for a Cloth for the Pulpit.

The Lands of this Parish belonging to *Luffield*, were returned to be of the Value of about 1*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* a little before the Dissolution; the Donors of them, as they occur in the Register of *Luffield*, were *Robert Fitz Neel*, who gave half a Yard Land, as did *Henry*, Son of *Robert Silveston*, another half Yard Land; *Sir William de Bechampton*, Knt. granted to the Priory of *Luffield* a Messuage and half a Yard Land.

There is an Extract of an ancient Terrier of the Lands, &c. belonging to *Bechampton* Free School, kept in the Feoffees Chest, entitled, *A true Terrier of the Houses and Closes, Lands, and Meadows, belonging to the Grainge, in the Parish of Bechampton, being now the Lands of John Fortescue, Esq. formerly belonging to the Prior of Snellsho, and now in the Tenure of William Elmer*, taken 2 *Sept.* 1581, 23 *Eliz.*

The whole Survey of the Number of Acres is 86, belonging to the Grainge.

There is another Terrier made *June* 11, 21 *Eliz. A. D.* 1578.

N. B. The



N. B. The Parish was enclosed A. D. 1579 or 1580.

In this Survey is mention made of the butting and bounding of the particular Lands of *William Elmer* (the Ancestor, no doubt, to the Founder of the Free School) and the Land of the Prior of *Luffield* is mentioned to be on one Side, and the Land of *Joon*, or *Johanne*, Queen of England, on the other. I suppose this *Johanne* was King *Hen. IVth's* Queen.

The Church, which is dedicated to the Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, which Festival is celebrated *Aug. 15.* (the *Sunday* after which Day is a Feast kept in this Parish) is an uniform and regular Building. It consists of a Body and two Iles, which are leaded, and a Chancel which is tiled. At the West End is a small Tower, the upper Part of which is Wood, covered with a flat Roof of Lead, in which hang three very tuneable Bells; on the first this, *Santa Margareta Ora pro nobis.* On the second *Nos Brece Sanctorum defendas Christe tuorum.* On the third, W. E. *Robert Attun* made me, 1633, I suppose at the Expence of the charitable *William Elmer.*

This Wood Work of the Tower was, as I have been told, put up about 1680, 32 Car. II. on the Decay of the Stone Work, for which the Church Wardens who did it, incurred the Displeasure of the general Part of the Parish.

In a MS. in the *Harleian* Library, I met with these Arms, which were remaining in the Church, Anno 1631.

1. *Gules, a Fess Fusille Argent, within a Bordure, Besante.*

2. *Or a Cross engrailed Gules in dexter Canton a Martlet.*

These were in the Bellfry Window, but are now quite gone.

The last or second Coat is of the Arms of *Hardresbull*, who lived in *Edward the Third's* Time; in which Reign this Church was, I make no doubt, built.

In the Chancel East Window:

*Argent a Fess Gules between three Hazel Nuts, leaved and fruited proper.*

This is, I presume, the Coat of *Hasley* if not *Haselriggs.*

*Sable three Pick-axes argent, being Pigot's Coat.*

At the Bottom of the Window this broken Inscription:

..... *Thome* ..... *Edie et Agnetis uxor' ejus ac*  
 ..... *et Benefactorum eor. quor. Alabus ppitiatur Deus.*

Near this Inscription these Arms, *Bendy, Lozenge, Argent and Sable.*

In the upper Window of the North Ile were the Portraits of the Apostles in painted Glafs with their Names at their Feet, as *Sanctus Symon* &c. And the Words of the Creed round each Apostle as follows, viz.

*Qui Conceptus est de Spiritu Sancta, Natus ex Maria Virgine, &c.*

In the East Window of the South Ile are the broken Portraits of two Men in Armour.

Here were also the Portraits of *St. Dennis* and several other Saints, but defaced.

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In the Nave or Body of the Church the Portrait of a Man in Brass in a Gown; over him this on a Brass Tablet:

“ Behold I happie am indeed of Flehly Man releast  
 “ Who having chang’d the mener State do now enjoy the best;  
 “ For feinge the fix’d Order set of things by God’s Decree,  
 “ Hath finisht Mortal Life, to live with God eternally.

At his Feet on a Brass Tablet this:

“ Here lieth the Body of *William Bawdyn* of *Bechampton*, *Blacksmyth*,  
 “ who dyed the 8 Day of *October* in the Year of our Lord 1600.”

Near it on a like Stone, on a small Plate of Brass:

“ *William Elmer* was buried the 19th of *March* 1652.”

In the South Isle on a Grave-stone, the Portraiture of a Woman in Brass, at her Feet on a Brass Plate this:

“ Here lieth the Body of *Ales Baldwyn* Daughter of *William Mathew* of  
 “ *Calverton* Esquire, the Wife of *George Baldwyn*, by whom she had  
 “ Issue two Sons and two Daughters, viz. *William*, *George*, *Jane*, and  
 “ *Isabell*, and ended her Days in Childbed, and in the Faith of *Christ*,  
 “ the 21 Feb. *Anno Domini* 1611, Aged 30 Years.”

Underneath two Male and two Female Children in Brass.

In the Middle of the Chancel, near the Communion Table, this on a Grave-stone

“ Here lieth *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *Sir William Bolton*, late Lord  
 “ Mayor of *London*, and the Wife of *Thomas White* the younger of  
 “ *Caldecut*, in the Parish of *Newport Pagnell*, in the County of *Bucks*,  
 “ Gent. who Deceased the 6 of *Dec. Anno Domini* 1669, and in the 32  
 “ Year of her Age, leaving behind her four Sons and three Daugh-  
 “ ters.”

On a little Stone near it was this,

“ *Mary Willis* was born the 19th, and laid here the 21 of *August, Anno*  
 “ *Domini* 1686.”

She was the Eldest Daughter of *Thomas Willis* of *Fenny-stratford*, Esq. who then lived at the Hall.

Against the North Wall is fix’d a Brass Plate adorned with ordinary Carvings of Freestone, about it is this Legend. On each side round it at the Top,

“ Away thou must unto thy Dust,  
 “ Hold fast thy Chain, it is thy Gain.”

On the two other Sides;

“ Here you may see as in a Glafs,  
 “ How swift your Time away doth pass.”

On the Tablet this Inscription,

“ *I Matthew Pigot* the Sonne of *Thomas Pigot* Esq. of the House of  
T
*Beauchamp-*

“ *Beauchampton*, do lie here buried *July 8, 1598*. I was for some twenty  
 “ Years Pastoure of this Church and of *Calverton*, where I preached  
 “ the sincere Doctrine of *Christ Jesus*, and accordingly beleving livinge  
 “ and dieing do now most comfortably feele the inestimable Benefite  
 “ thereof, leavinge unto you my most lovinge and beloved People, as  
 “ a perpetual Monument of my Love and last Farewell, these fewe  
 “ Lines toe put you always in Mind to do the like, that so in our Bo-  
 “ dies and Soules we may shortly meet together again in heavenly Fe-  
 “ licity and Immortality, *Amen*.”

Near it is enclosed by Iron Rails a curious White Marble Monument supported by two round Pillars ; at the Top the Arms and Crest of *Benet*, viz. *Gules, three Demi Lions Rampant Or ; in Fess point a Besant*. Underneath the Bust of a Man and below it this Inscription on a Tablet,

S.

M. S.

*Symonis Benet Armigeri,*

*Filii et hæredis Ricardi Benet Armigeri, Nepotis Avi sui Thomæ Benet, Eq. Aurati, necnon Urbis London. dignissimi quondam Prætoris.*

In unicam duxit Uxorem,

*Graciam, filiam Cohæredem Gilberti Moorwood, ex antiquiss. Moorwoodorum Profapia, de Shireoaks, Agro Eboracensi, Arm.*

Per quam vii Liberorum Pater evasit;

*Mariæ, natæ 10 Julii, 1652, et 20 Julii, 1663, denatæ ;*

*Thomæ, nati 28 Aprilis, et 2<sup>o</sup> die Maii, 1653, denati ;*

*Elizabethæ, natæ 27 Februarii, 1659, Nuptæ Honoratiss. Edwardo Vicecomiti Latimer, Fil. hæredi Nobilissimi Thomæ Comitis de Danby, quæ primo die Maii, 1680, denata est ;*

*Graciæ, natæ 27 Sept. 1664, præsentis Uxoris ornatissimi Johannis Benet, de Abington, in Agro Cantabr. Arm. descendentis ab Honorabili Thomæ Benet de Lond. Eq. Aurati ;*

*Mariæ, natæ 28 Aprilis, 1666. Nov. 26, 1674, denatæ ;*

*Simonis, nati 27 Junii 1668. Augusti 23, 1674, denati ;*

*Franciscæ, natæ 20 Octob. 1670, præsentis Uxoris Nobilissimi Domini Jacobi, Comitis Sarisburiensis.*

Vir erat probus, prudens, et frugi ;

Christiane providus, temporarie liberalis ;

Ecclesiæ, Regi, Reipublicæ, cordate devotus ;

Maritus Charus, Indulgens Pater, Herus misericors, qui postquam se Deo resignasset, 20 Augusti, Ætæ Christianæ 1682,

Ætatis Anno circiter Sexagesimo Vivis excessit,

Et heic in Fide Christiana sui Servatoris expectat adventum.

Below this is a Projection of black veined Marble.

Here were Penons put up for his Lady, who was murthered Anno 1694, as  
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 aforefaid,

aforesaid, for whom was made a most magnificent Funeral, but not the least Memorial has been ever erected for her.

Here hung up, in my Remembrance, an Helmet &c. over Sir *Simon Benet's* Grave, who was buried close to the Chancel Wall just above this Tomb.

In the Church Yard is an handsome raised Tomb with this Inscription on it, on a White Marble Table,

“ In Memory of *Joseph Rogers*, of *Winslow*, Currier, who died *Jan. 9*,  
 “ 1722, in the 48 Year of his Age. He hath raised himself a Monu-  
 “ ment more durable than this Marble, by giving 600 *l.* to be laid out  
 “ in Land, the Rents and Profits of which he hath ordered to be ap-  
 “ plied Yearly for ever towards the Educating and Instructing in  
 “ Learning the Children of poor People of the Parish of *Winslow*. He  
 “ gave likewise for the Use of the Communion Service of the Parish  
 “ Church of *Winslow*, one Silver Salver of 5 *l.* Value.”

On the other Side and at the Ends are Texts of Scripture, viz. *Proverbs* xix.  
 \* 17. and Chapter iv. \* 7 and 13. *Pf.* cxii. 9.

But I come lastly to the Series of the Rectors of this Church; and shall begin with those presented by the Lords of the Town. The first of these that occur in the Registers of *Lincoln* is

*Manasses Clericus*, who was presented Anno 1218, 2 *Hen.* III, by Sir *William de Bechampton*, Knight; the next I find is

*Richard*, who occurs in a Deed Anno 1313, and 1331, on whose Resignation

*William de Morton* became presented, 1331, 5 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of *Philip de Hardresbull*. He died Anno 1349, 23 *Edw.* III, and was succeeded by

*William Pratt*, instituted 2 *Non. Julii* 1349, 23 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of *William Wolf* of *Bechampton*. He resigned the next Year, and was succeeded by

*William Bradwell*, instituted 4 *Non. Nov.* 1350, 24 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, as Guardian, I suppose, to the Patron in his Minority. The next in my Account is

*Robert Prestone*, on whose Resignation, Anno 1383, 6 *Ric.* II,

*Robert Davy* succeeded Anno 1383, 6 *Ric.* II, on *Philip Wolf* of *Bechampton's* Presentation.

*William Chapel* is the next. He died Anno 1397, 20 *Ric.* II, and was succeeded by

*John Crowch*, instituted *Jan. 23*, 1397, 20 *Ric.* II, on *Philip Wolf's* Presentation.

*Richard Bolton* succeeded *June 8*, 1403, 4 *Hen.* IV, on *Philip Wolf's* Presentation.

*William Smith* succeeded, and exchanged it, Anno 1408, 9 *Hen.* IV, for *Tbirne* in *Norfolk*, with

*John Newton*, *Sept. 8*, 1408, 9 *Hen.* IV. He was succeeded by

*William Thomas*, instituted *Sep. 3, 1412*, on the Presentation of *John Wolf* of *Bechampton*. The next I find is

*Laurence Penny*, on whose Resignation, *Anno 1454, 32 Hen. VI*,

*William Offord* was instituted, *August 3, 1454, 32 Hen. VI*, on the Presentation of *John Edy, Dom. Manerii de Bechampton*: On his voiding it, viz. *Offord's, Anno 1470*,

*Henry Edy*, a Relation of the Patron's, obtaining the other Mediety from the Priory of *Luffield*, became instituted to both Medieties, and held them consolidated as one Rectory, as have all the succeeding Incumbents.

*Bechampton Rectores ex Patronatu Prioris et Conventus de Luffield.*

*John* occurs Rector of *Bechampton Anno 1228, 12 Hen. III*, as does after him

*Henry Kineman*. He died Rector *An. 1276, 4 Ed. I*, and was succeeded by *Ralph de Buckingham*, instituted *4 Nov. Anno 1276, 4 Edw. I*. He resigned *Anno 1278*, and was succeeded by

*Richard de Honaton*, instituted *9 Cal. Aug. Anno 1278, 6 Edw. I*.

*James de Bucks* succeeded *April 15, Anno 1291, 19 Edw. I*.

*John Eydon* died Rector *Anno 1334, 8 Edw. III*, and was succeeded by

*John de Dodington 5 Id. Oct. Anno 1334*. He exchanged it for *Water Stratsford*, with

*Michael de Buckby, 3 Id. April. Anno 1340, 14 Edw. III*.

*Richard Hardyng* was presented *23 Junii, Anno 1398, 21 Ric. II*.

*John Gerny* exchanged it for *Wormsell in Kent*, with

*Thomas Clerk, Feb. 28, Anno 1403, 4 Hen. IV*.

*Richard Ward* succeeded *Dec. 18, Anno 1411, 12 Hen. IV*, and resigned it *Anno 1420*.

*William Holbek* succeeded *Oct. 21, Anno 1420*, and resigned it *Anno 1422, 1 Hen. VI*. The next that occurs is

*John Barker*, who succeeded *June 17, Anno 1422, 1 Hen. VI*. The next after him that I find was

*William Lindefsey*. He was instituted *April 12, Anno 1456, 34 Hen. VI*, on the Presentation of *Luffield Priory*, as was

*Henry Dye or Edye, May 5, 1470, 10 Edw. IV*, who, as I presume, rebuilt the Chancel. The next Day after his Institution, there was, on *May 6*, an Union of the two Medieties by Deeds executed at *Oxford*, between the Convent of *Luffield* on the one Part and *William Foster Esq.* and *Joan* his Wife and *John Pigot* of the other Part, wherein it was agreed to an Alternate Presentation: And so on this *Henry Dye*, or *Edye's* Resignation, the succeeding Rectors were instituted accordingly; the first of which was

*William Hartsbawe*, instituted *Feb. 21, Anno 1490, 5 Hen. VII*, on the Resignation of *Edy* on the Presentation of *John*, Son to *William Foster*, and *John Pigot*. In his Will, which I have seen, dated *Anno 1525, 16 Hen. VIII*, he appointed to be buried in the Church here, and bequeathed to it a Vestment with a Cross on it.

*Robert Harris* succeeded *June 11, Anno 1526*, being presented by *William Tylor*

*Tylor* on the Convent of *Luffield's* Title and Right. He died *Anno* 1551, 5 *Edw.* VI, and was succeeded by

*John Bierly* alias *Lackhyst*, instituted *June* 11, *Anno* 1551, on the Presentation of *Robert Pigot*, Esq. He resigned *Anno* 1553, and was succeeded by

*Robert Corbet* presented *June* 23, *Anno* 1553, by *William* Lord *Grey* and others, by the Grant of this Turn from *Robert Pigot* Esq. and Sir *Nicholas Throckmorton* the alternate Patrons; which Sir *Nicholas* had obtained *Luffield* dissolved Priory and its Endowments of the King.

*Thomas Allen* was instituted *July* 2, *Anno* 1557, 4 & 5 *Philip* and *Mary*, on the Death of the last Incumbent, on the Presentation of *Robert Pigot* Esq.

*Richard Lovel* was collated by the Bishop on a Lapse, and instituted *March* 9, 1558, 4 and 5 *Philip* and *Mary*.

*Matthew Pigot* was instituted *Anno* 1568, 10 *Elizabeth*, on *Lovel's* Death, on the Presentation of *Thomas Pigot*, Esq. He died 1598, and was buried in the Chancel, and succeeded by

*Benjamin Mores* or *Morrise* instituted *July* 28, *Anno* 1598, 40 *Eliz.* on the Death of *Matthew Pigot* on the Presentation of *George Pigot* Esq. His Successor was

*Thomas Birchmore*, A. M. presented by the King *Feb.* 21, *Anno* 1634, 9 *Car.* I, *per pravitatem Simonie*, as in the Registers of *Lincoln*. He held it *An.* 1641, 16 *Car.* I. but was, as I am informed, ejected for his Loyalty, and

*William Pilkington* intruded, who occurs Rector *Anno* 1656, 8 *Car.* II, after him

*Ezechieel Couchman* got in about *Anno* 1659, 11 *Car.* I, and taking out the King's Title 16 *May*, *Anno* 1661, 13 *Car.* II, died possessed hereof, and was succeeded by

*Reginald Eyre*, A. M. instituted *June* 6, *An.* 1670, 22 *Car.* II, on the Presentation of *Simon Benet* Esq. On his Death *Anno* 1687, 3 *Jac.* II, the Lady *Baltinglass*, by virtue of *Luffield* Priory Title, set up a Claim, and presented one

*Ralph Markland*; but her Grandfather Sir *Arthur Throckmorton* having sold his Turn to the *Benet* Family,

*John Jones*, A. M. became instituted *March* 16, 1687, on the Presentation of Mrs. *Grace Benet*, Widow. He died *Anno* 1714, 1 *George* I, and was buried in the Church-yard here, and succeeded by

*John Baker*, S. T. P. instituted 2 *Feb.* 1714, on the Presentation of Mrs. *Grace Benet*, the present Good Lady of the Manor, *Anno* 1732, on whose Resignation

*Edward Whitnell*, A. M. became instituted in *July* *An.* 1731, on the same worthy Lady's Title.

## BITLES DEN,

**C**ALLED Antiently *Betefdene*, *Betlesden*, *Bytlesden*, may possibly be derived from being situate near the Wood, or by the Wood, *Den* signifying *locus Silvestris*. This Place, famous for its Abby, was thus surveyed in *Doomsday Book*:

*Terra Regis in Stofold Hundred.*

*M. Betlesden tenet Rex Willhelmus. Alfricus Comes habuit de Eo ibi iv Hidas, et i Virgatam. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Dominio ii Hidae. Et ibi est una Carucata, et ii plus possunt fieri. Ibi iv Villani et v Bordarii, habent ii Carucatas, et tres possunt fieri. Ibi iv Servi et ii Molini de xxviii Solidis. Pratum i Carucata. Silva xx porcorum. Valet xxx Solidos. Quando recepit xl Solidos. Temp. Regis Edwardi xl Solidos.*

The King holds *Betlesden* Manor [*viz. Will.* the first.] Earl *Alfric* [Earl of *Mercia*] held it of him. There are iv Hides and one Yard Land. The Arable is viii Carucates. Two Hides are in Demesne, and there is one Plough, and two more can be made. There are iv Villains, or Copyholders, and v Cottagers. They have ii Ploughs, and a third can be made. There are iv Servants, and ii Mills of xxviii s. Value. Meadow for one Plough, Mast for xx Hogs. It is worth xxx s. when he received xl s. In *K. Edward's* time it was worth xl s.

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Azor, filius Tored, Teignus Regis Edvardi, et vendere potuit.*

*Azor* Son of *Tored*, King *Edward's* Thain, held this Manor in King *Edward's* Time, and could sell it.

*Terra Comitiss Moritonienfis in Stofield Hundred.*

*In Betlesdene tenet Isdem Comes iii Virgatas. Terra est i Carucata, secunda vastata est. Hanc terram tenuit Alric, Homo Alwini, filius Godiric, et vendere potuit.*

The Earl of *Moreton* holds iii Yard Land in *Betlesdene*. The Arable is one Carucate. The second lies waste. *Alric*, Tenant to *Alwine*, Son of *Godric*, held it in King *Edward's* Time, and could sell it.

*Terra Leuvini de Neweham in Stofield Hundred.*

*Quidam Loripes tenet in Elemosyna de Rege Eversaw pro i Hida; Terra est ii Carucatarum. Et ibi sunt cum ii Villanis. Valet et valuit semper xx Solidos. Istemet tenuit Tempore Regis Edwardi.*

A certain lame Man held under *Leuvine de Neweham* of the King, in Alms or Frank Almoigne, *Eversaw* for one Hide; The Arable is ii Carucates and they are there. There are ii Copyholders. It is and was always worth xx s. *Leuvine* himself held it in King *Edward's* Time.

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The Lordship of *Bitlesden*, tho' seized on as the King's Property, and held by the *Conqueror* Himself, was soon after parted from, and possessed by *Robert de Meperteshall*, *Temp. Hen. I.*, who is said by *Camden* and other Authors to have forfeited it for stealing one of the King's Hounds; on which it was granted to *Robert de Bellomont*, Earl of *Leicester*, who gave it to his Steward *Ernald de Bosco*, who founded here, *Anno 1147*, (*12 Stephen*) an Abby of the *Cistercian* Order, to the Honour of *St. Mary* and *St. Nicholas*, which the Earl confirmed, it being made subject to *Geronden Abby* in *Leicestershire*: but after some time, the aforesaid *Robert de Meperteshall*, being about to commence a Suit of Law for the Estate, the Monks here, in Consideration of ten Marks, obtained from the said *Robert* also a Charter of Confirmation; and so continued in quiet Possession 'till the General Dissolution. Five Years before which, *viz. Anno 1534*, *26 Hen. VIII.*, it was rated as follows in the Survey thereof then thus given in, *viz.*

*Bitlesden Abbatia, ubi Richardus Greene est modo Abbas et Incumbens.*

## TEMPORALIA.

*Swycete* [in *Stoke Lyne Parish*] in *Co. Oxon.* Firma Manerii 11 l. 0 s. 0 d.  
In *Co. Buckingham* redditus in *Dodford* 10 l. [in *Stow Parish.*] In *Gorchall*  
or *Gorrill* [in *Bitlesden Parish*] 5 l. 13 s. 4 d. In *Thornbugh* 10 l. 7 s. 2 d.  
In *Barton* 1 l. 6 s. 8 d. *Bitlesden* 1 l. 7 s. *Turweston* 1 l. 2 s. *Water Strat-*  
*ford* 10 s. *Moreton* and *Boreton* 1 l. In Civitate *London* Redditus Tenementi  
2 l. 2 s.

In *Co. Northampton* *Charvelton*, Firma Manerii 16 l. *Wedon Pinkeney* 12 d.  
*Whitfield* 2 l. 5 s. 4 d. *Parva Houghton* 5 l. 10 s. 10 d. *Helmedon Abbats*  
*Stocking* 1 l. 10 s. *Preston Capes* 7 l. 14 s. 1 d. *Pinkeney* 10 s. 10 d. *Westbury*  
*Hill* 1 l. 10 s. *Turweston* 5 s.

In Terris Dominicalibus prope Abbatiam in Manibus Incumbentis 19 l.

In Vendicionibus Boscorum 8 l. 7 s.

In propriis Decimis 1 l. 18 s.

Summa TEMPORALIUM 130 l. 1 s. 3 d.

## SPIRITUALIA.

*Refforia de Lees Weedon Co. Northampton*, 13 l. 6 s. 8 d.

*Refforia de Parva Houghton*, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d.

*Refforia de Ebrinton, Co. Gloucester*, 16 l. 6 s. 8 d.

*Valor Totalis* 162 l. 1 s. 3 d.

*Sed Reprisalia* 36 l. 6 s. 11 d.

*Et sic clarus Valor* 125 l. 4 s. 3 d.

At the Dissolution, the King's Visitors made this Return:

The Abby of the *Cistercian* Order:

Value by the first Survey, 130 l. 4 s. 3 d.

By the second Survey, 138 l. 7 s. 8 d.

Monks there 11, whereof Priests Nine, Incontinent none, desirous Capacities One. An Abbat *quondam* having a Pencyon by Convent Seal 13 l. 6 s. 4 d.

Servants.



Servants 51, whereof Hinds 24, waiting Servants 13, Boys and Children 9, Women for the Dairy 4, Bells, Lead, and other Buildings worth there by Estimation 51*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The entire Value of the moveable Goods 61*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* Stocks and Stores none. Woods there 400 Acres.

The Form of the Surrender being printed in *Bishop Burnet's History of the Reformation*, Vol. i. in the *Appendix*, p. 150. I might thither refer. But as it is not exactly taken, I shall here give it at length, at the End of this Account.

In the *History of Abbies*, Vol. II. p. 13. is some Account of this Abbey, and the Names of the Religious at the Surrender, with their Annual Pensions, which were as follow, viz.

To *Richard Green*, Abbat 40 *l.*

To *Thomas Todd*, Sub Prior 6 *l.*

To *Robert Weston* alias *Bartlet*, *Richard Brackley*, alias *Mayo*, *John Northampton* alias *Dawkins*, *Robert Northampton* alias *Tayler*, *John Shalleston* alias *Colles*, *John Aukland* alias *Robinson*, *John Bradley* alias *Keeling*, *Richard Shepshed* alias *Palsfrey*, or *Palsfreyman* 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each. Here was also a Pension of 20 Marks paid to *Richard Benet*, a quondam Abbat during Life, as is certified by Dr. *John London*, one of the Visitors, who calls him a very honest Man, and says that divers of the Monks were very Aged Men.

In 1553, 1 *March*, I find that the two Abbats, viz. *Green* and *Benet*, and several of the other Monks were dead, and so their Pensions became vacated, all of them except *Thomas Todd*, *Robert Tayler*, *Richard Palsfreyman*, *Richard Mayo*, *John Robinson*, *John Coles*, and *John Keeling*.

On the Surrender this Church was very soon after demolished, and the Bells sold, or given away by Sir *Robert Peckham* to *Denham* Parish (at the End of this County) near *Uxbridge* in *Middlesex*. These were five very large ones, as I have heard, and continued at *Denham* 'till 1683, 35 *Car.* II, when they were run into 8, as they now remain. However, the Ruins of the Church and Abbey House were left in good part standing when I visited it, Anno 1712, and there were then to be seen the Walls of the East Side of the Cloyster, and a Part of the Tower, together with a small Chapel, and the Chapter House, which was an handsome arch'd Room, of about 40 foot square, supported by 4 Pillars. In the Chapel lay the broken Effigies which was on the Tomb of one of the Lord *Zouch's*, it was of Alabaster, and in Armour.

But besides the Lord *Zouch*, there were, as I have seen, several Persons of Note buried here, particularly the Founder's Family, the *Bosco's*, and divers others, as of the Family of the *Billings* and the *Lovetts*, as appears by the Inscriptions which I have met with, which were affixt to their Grave Stones, on Brass Plates as follows,

*Orate pro Animabus Thomæ Billing quondam Capitalis Justiciarii  
Domini Regis ad Placita coram ipso Rege tenend. et Catharine  
uxoris ejus. Qui quidem Thomas obiit 5 die Mensis Maii, A. D. 1481,  
et*

et beata Catharina obiit 8<sup>o</sup> die Mensis Martii, A. D. 1477. Quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus.

Under this Inscription were the Portraits of five Sons and four Daughters.

On another,

Hic jacet Thomas Billing Arm. Filius et Heres Thomæ Billings Justiciarii Domini Regis, qui obiit 23 die Mensis Martii, A. D. 1508. Cujus Anime propitiatur Deus.

These two Grave-stones were, as I am informed, removed into *Wappenbam* Church. But I suppose their Bodies were left here.

Hic jacet Thomas Lovet Armiger, qui obiit 16 die Mensis Februarii, 1491 [6 Hen. vii.] Cujus Anime propitiatur Deus. Amen.

His, viz. Judge *Billing's* first Wife *Catherine* was also buried here, as I find in his Will, which directs his Body to be buried near her's in this Abbey Church. In his said Will he styles himself of *Astwell*, and gives 6 s. 8 d. to the Chapel of *Fawcote*, and 3 Potts of Silver to *Susan* his Wife, late Wife of *John Fawks*, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas; and 100 l. in Gold to his Sons *Thomas* and *Nicholas*, and 100 l. in Gold to his Daughters *Isabel* and *Margaret* each of them, and some Lands.

Here was also a most elegant Alabaster Effigies of our Saviour crowned, sitting to judge the World; but it was destroyed by the late unhappy Possessor, Mr. *John Sayer*, about the Year 1704. I have preserved a Drawing of it, and of the Ruins of the Chapter House, and of the said Lord *Zouche's* broken Effigies.

The present Proprietor, *Henry Sayer* Esq; has so totally demolished every thing, that not the least Remains appear, or even the Site of any Building whatsoever, where the Abbey stood; or any of its Offices. But it was below the present Chapel erected by him to the South-West Part of it.

In digging about it there were, as he informed me, several Stone Coffins found, one of which was most scandalously perverted to profane Uses, and several Thousand of Human Bones removed, and thrown away, as he gloried in, to level Ground, together with the Rubbish, with great Indecency.

On the Destruction of the Abbey the Parishioners resorted to a small Chapel adjoining to a Dwelling House; this was a little tyled Fabrick, and had a Bell in a Turret. I presume it was sometimes made use of in the Time of the Abbey by the Parishioners, especially on common Days. — It was, as appears by old Deeds, dedicated to St. *Margaret*, on whose Festival here was a Fair granted to the Convent Anno 1315, 8 Edw. II, and also a Monday Market.

Here were in it no manner of Paintings or Ornaments whatsoever, and it was not above forty or fifty foot long, and sixteen or seventeen broad, as it appeared to me: but this is quite demolished, and an unconsecrated Chapel fitted up in the left Wing, or Office, of the Proprietor's Dwelling House, and an Arch almost even with the Ground, turned over the Graves of the Persons interred in the old Chapel; where were, Anno 1712, these

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Inscriptions;

Inscriptions; the first on an ordinary Stone set in the South Wall, which was as follows:

Hic jacet *Franciscus Dayrell*, Filius *Pauli Dayrell* de *Lillingston*, qui obiit 29 *Januarii*, 1614.

Quid tua Vita, Dolor, quid Mors, Tibi meta Dolorum;

Mors Vitam sequitur, Vita beata Necem:

Ergone defunctum Vita lacrymabimur absit,

Præstat abesse Viris possit ut esse Deo.

This *Francis Dayrell* was, as the Family told me, Steward to the Lord *Grey*.

Under the Communion Table the Effigies of a Woman in Brass with a Label proceeding out of her Mouth, where on a Scrawl this, *Santa Trinitas unus Deus Miserere Nobis*. Underneath this,

Here lyeth buried under this Stone the Body of *Dorothy Verney*, in her life time Wife to *Edmund Verney Esq.* and Daughter to *Sir Edmund Peckham Knight*, who died the xiii Day of May, in the Year of our Lord God 1547, on whose Soul Jesu have Mercy. Amen.

On another in the Middle of the Pavement the Effigies of a Woman in Brass, with an Infant Child at the four Corners, these Arms Quarterly,

1. A Chevron between three Roses. 2. Cheque in Chief three Cinquoils. 3. On a Fess between three Mulletts as many Crosses. 4. as 1. On an Escutcheon of Pre-  
tence three Grey Hounds Heads Collar'd and Eraz'd.

Under the Woman, Obiit 11 Die Dec. 1555.

After which these Verses:

Here Susan sleeps, *George Peckham's* Wyfe,

Which Death in Childhood took,

Who xiii Months in Marriage spent,

And then this Life forsook:

The only Heir of *Henry Webbe*,

The chiefest Joy he hadde,

The quiet Stay, and greatest Hapye,

That made her Husband glad.

What Spyght was that to spoil that Tree,

Before the Fruit was blown,

And ryse it up so by the Roote,

That longer might have grown:

For at her xviii Years of Age,

When flowyng time befell,

She took her Leave and scarce did know

[But bid the World] Farewell. Her Husband dear

What helpeth Powth, or fairest Flowers,

Or Write of Worldlye Praise,

When Death untwines the Thred of Life,

And Use of Breath decays.

Such

Such is the Colours that kind hath left  
 To Nature's Children all,  
 Such are the Homes and sacred Hap-  
 piness That to us Pilgrims fall.  
 But Vertuous End are Tokens plain  
 Of Blessed Lives before,  
 Which never die, which live before,  
 And shall for evermore.  
 When Susan's Sorrow a Seat hath wonne  
 If our Belebe be Just  
 And there shall dwell with Angels still,  
 When all things are in Dust.

In the Register of Wills, I find that *Oct. 8, 1557, 4 Mar. Edward Coles*, Priest, appointed to be buried in *St. Margaret's Church in Bittleiden*, and bequeathed his Cross Bow and Arrows to his Master *Sir Robert Peckham*, and 12s. to *Sir Leonard Hurst*, Priest, to pray for his Soul, and his old Mass Book to the Church of *Westbury*. I suppose he officiated here, and was Chaplain to the *Peckham* Family.

I also meet with the Will of *Sir Robert Peckham*, who styles himself of *Bittleiden*, and appoints his Body to be buried in *St. Gregory's Church at Rome*, and gives his Books at *Bittleiden* to his Brother *George Peckham*, and made *Thomas Goldwell*, Bishop of *St. Asaph*, his Executor. He died *Sept. 13, 1569*, as appears by a Memorial put up for him in *Denham Church*, mentioning his Decease and Burial at *Rome*, and was succeeded by his Brother *George*, made a Knight also; who by Deed, dated *Jan. 13, 1570*, mortgaged this Manor to *Richard Paramour*, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of *London*, for 800*l.* who reconveyed it back again to *Sir George Peckham*, *Dec. 24, 1572*. However, about Eight Years after this, I find it in the Hands of the Crown, by Virtue of an Extent taken against the *Peckhams* about 1578 by Queen *Elizabeth*, who bestowed it on *Arthur Lord Grey of Wilton*, who occurs possess'd of it *Anno 1582, 24 Eliz.* and departing this Life *Oct. 14, 1593*, at *Whaddon Hall*, (in which Parish Church of *Whaddon* he lies buried in the Chancel) it descended to his Son *Thomas Lord Grey*, who being convicted of high Treason, *Anno 1603, 1 Jac. I.* it escheated again to the Crown, and was by King *James I.* granted, *Anno 1614* to *Sir George Villiers*, afterwards Earl, Marquis, and Duke of *Buckingham*, Stabbed by *Felton* at *Portsmouth* *August 23, 1628, 3 Car. I.* whose Son *George Duke of Buckingham* sold it, *Nov. 18, 1681*, to *Henry Sayer*, a Dry Salter of *London*, who died soon after, and left it to his Son *John Sayer*, then a Minor, who was murdered by *Richard Noble* an Attorney at Law *Jan. 29, 1712*, who cohabited with *Sayer's* Wife, for which barbarous Murder he the said *Noble* was executed at *Kingston*, *March 28, 1713*. See in Bishop *Fleetwood's* Works, printed in Folio 1737, p. 653 a Sermon preached on this Occasion. — And so it descended to *Henry Sayer* the present Proprietor, 1735, who hath, as aforesaid, so totally demolished all the Footsteps

of the Abby, that not the least Appearance remains of the Site of any antient Building.

The Parish of *Bitleston*, which is bounded North by *Silveston* and *Syresbam*, Co. *Northampton*, South by *Wesbury* and *Turweston*, East by *Stow* and *Sbalston*, and West by *Whitfield*, which last Parish is in Co. *Northampton*, contains 1700 Acres, as I am informed, 200 of which, owned by the Lords of *Whitfield*, belong, with that Manor, to *Worcester College* in *Oxford*, and 200, being antiently given to *Luffield Priory*, are, with that Estate, Part of the Demefnes of the Lord *Cobham*. The rest belong to Mr. *Sayer*.

Here are only seventeen Houses in the whole Parish, three or four of which are at a Village called *Everfaw*, where was antiently a Chapel dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, which stood, as Tradition says, in an Orchard near the principal House in *Everfaw* (now in the Possession of one *Roberts*.) Here was also in this Parish another small decayed Hamlet, called *Gorril*.

This Parish is assessed to the Land Tax 137 *l.* 15 *s.* 6 *d.* per Annum.

In a Survey I have seen of the Duke of *Buckingham's* Estate on the Sequestration of it, his Demefnes here were, Anno 1650, returned to be 379 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.* The Tythes here being entirely appropriated to the Abbey both Rectorial and Vicarial, the Cure was served by the Monks, and so there was no Institution taken out to the Benefice.

There are no Names of the Curates to be recovered in Succession, even for a long while after the Reformation; those I have met with in the Bishops Registers are only these few, viz.

*Thomas Taylor* 1639, 14 Car. I, who made this Return to the Bishop of this Curacy, viz. "That a Stipend of 20 *l.* per Annum was paid by the Lord of the Manor to the Minister, and 40 *s.* per Annum more arose from other Demefnes, and that here belonged to the said Minister one Bay of an House and an upper Chamber thatch'd, with a Yard or Backside 12 Yards square." After this *Thomas Taylor*, I find these other Persons our Ministers or Curates here, viz.

*John Lockwood*, Anno 1662, 14 Car. II.

*John Maddocks*, Anno 1669.

*Aaron Wood*, Anno 1679. He was afterwards Rector of *Greens Norton* in *Northamptonshire*.

*James Maddocks*, Anno 1689. He held it Anno 1705, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Lucas*, Anno 1706 or 1707, on whose Death at *London*, of the Small-pox, Anno 1709.

*William Price*, Rector of *Whitfield*, accepted it, Anno 1709, and he is the present Minister, 1735.

In the Reigns of King *Edward VI*, Qu. *Mary*, Qu. *Eliz.* and K. *James I*, it seems, without Doubt, to have been supplied by the Chaplains of the *Peckhams* and *Greys* Family, or served by the Neighbouring Ministers, the Income being so small, and no convenient Habitation.

On Dec. 5, Anno 1720, it was augmented with 200 *l.* by Mr. *William Friend*, Rector of *Turvey*, Co. *Bedford*, and by the Means and Recommendation

dition of Mr. Justice *Denton* with 200 *l.* more of *Q. Anne's* Bounty. The Value was then given in at only 6*l.* 8*s.* But how that arose is not mentioned.

Here is no ancient Parish Register, as I can learn, and what has been begun of this Sort, is, I suppose, within these last forty or fifty Years. But I could never meet even with that.

In the Earl of *Oxford's* Library, is a Register of this Abbey in Parchment: It contains 363 Folio's, and begins thus,

*De Fundatione Abbatie. Tempore Regis Veteris Henrici, fuit Dominus de Bitlesden Robertus de Mapersball, &c.*

This Register, which I have perused, contains chiefly Grants; and there scarcely occurs in it the Name of any one Abbat. Neither do the Registers of *Lincoln* furnish us with any in Succession; however, from old Deeds, and from the Fines and other Evidences, &c. I have drawn out the following Series of the

## ABBATS OF BITLESDEN.

*Richard* occurs Abbat of *Bitlesden* Anno 1151, 17 *Stephen*, about four Years after the Foundation; as does

*Alexander*, between 1157, and 1166.

*Richard* died Abbat here, Anno 1192, 3 *Ric. I.* as the *Annales Waverly* tell us, in which Mention is made of the deposing of Abbat

*William*, Anno 1198, 9 *Ric. I.* who was, no doubt, his Successor; to whom succeeded

*Adam Cellerer*, of *Bruern Abby*, in *Co. Oxon.* Anno 1198, 9 *Ric. I.*

*Maurice* occurs Abbat Anno 1219, 3 *Hen. III.* and 1222, 7 *Hen. III.* as does

*Henry*, Anno 1226, 10 *Hen. III.*

*Stephen de Canterbury* died Abbat, Anno 1228, 12 *Hen. III.* after him

*Thomas* presided here Anno 1230, 14 *Hen. III.* and 1232, 16 *Hen. III.*

*Giffard* Abbat of this Place quitted it Anno 1236, 20 *Hen. III.* on being made Abbat of *Waverly*, and was succeeded by

*Walter*, who occurs Anno 1238, 22 *Hen. III.* and 1240, 24 *Hen. III.* His Successor was

*Henry Mallore*, who received the Benediction from the Bishop of *Lincoln*, on *Palm Sunday*, Anno 1241, 25 *Hen. III.* He held it not long, for

*Philip* occurs Abbat Anno 1245, 29 *Hen. III.* and 1250, 34 *Hen. III.* as does

*William*, Anno 1254, 38 *Hen. III.* and 1257, 41 *Hen. III.* and

*Roger*, Anno 1259, 43 *Hen. III.* and 1262, 46 *Hen. III.* After him I meet with

*William*, Anno 1264, 48 *Hen. III.* whose Surname seems to have been *Byham*: for Anno 1280, 8 *Edw. I.* and 1285, 13 *Edw. I.* *William Byham* subscribes himself Abbat, as does

*Jahn Thornberge*, Anno 1290, 18 *Edw. I.* and 1298, 26 *Edw. I.* after him

*Walter*

*Walter* occurs Abbat *Anno* 1300, 28 *Edw.* I, as does

*John de Sarum*, *Anno* 1301, 29 *Edw.* I, and 1323, 16 *Edw.* II. His Successor was

*Thomas de Buckingham*, elected about *Anno* 1324, 17 *Edw.* II, to whom succeeded

*Roger de Gotham*, who occurs Abbat *Anno* 1326, 1 *Edw.* III, and 1329, 3 *Edw.* III, and 1331, 5 *Edw.* III. His Successor was

*Thomas*, who I find succeeded at the End of 1332, 6 *Edw.* III.

*Griffin* presided *Anno* 1341, 15 *Edw.* III. After him

*William de Louteburghe* occurs *Anno* 1346, 20 *Ed.* III, and 1357, 31 *Ed.* III, as does

*Peter*, *Anno* 1376, 50 *Edw.* III, and 1393, 16 *Ric.* II.

*John* was Abbat 1397, 20 *Ric.* II. and *Anno* 1400, 1 *Hen.* IV. as was

*Stephen*, *Anno* 1428. 6 *Hen.* VI, and also

*John*, *Anno* 1469, 9 *Edw.* IV, and 1479, 19 *Edw.* IV, and

*William*, *Anno* 1480, 20 *Edw.* IV.

*Richard Benet* became Abbat about 1495, 10 *Hen.* VII. He resigned it before 1518, 9 *Hen.* VIII, to

*Richard Green*, the last Abbat, who presided from *Anno* 1518, 9 *Hen.* VIII, to the Surrender, as aforesaid, *Anno* 1539, 30 *Hen.* VIII.

*Anno* 1536, 27 *Hen.* VIII. three Years before the Dissolution; I find *Hen.* VIII, granted to this Abbat, a Licence that his Abbey should continue, and not be dissolved among the lesser Houses.

*Anno* 1315, 8 *Edw.* II, in *Rymer's Foedera*, we find that King *Edw.* II. borrowed 100*l.* of the *Abbey of Bitlesden*.

The Arms of the Abby, as sent me, from Mr. Graves, of *Mickleton, Co. Gloucester*, were,

Two Barrs, in Base a Chevron. But according to Bishop Tanner, they were Argent, two Barrs and a Canton, Gules, being the Arms of the Bois's or Bosco's, the Founders Coat.

From the Fines Co. *Buckingham &c.* I extracted these Entries.

A Fine between *Thomas*, Abbat of *Bitlesden* and *Walter de Moreton* passed of Lands in *Moreton Co. Bucks*, *Anno* 16 *Hen.* III, *A. D.* 1232.

A Fine between *Philip* Abbat of *Bitlesden*, and *Robert de Loughton* and *Christian* his Wife, of Lands in *Tbornburgb*, *Anno* 1248, 32 *Hen.* III.

A Fine between *William* Abbat of *Bitlesden* and *John Legb*, of Lands in *Dodford*, *Anno* 1255, 39 *Hen.* III.

A Fine between *William* Abbat of *Bitlesden*, and *Hugh le Carpenter*, and *Annora* his Wife, of Lands in *Eversaw*, which the Abbat granted to *Hugh*.

In the Fines Co. *Northampton*, *Anno* 1228, 12 *Hen.* III, it appears that 11 Yard Land in *Helmsdon* were granted to this Abbey, and,

In the Fines, Co. *Oxon*, *Anno* 1249, 33 *Hen.* III, are Grants of a Mesuage, and Lands in *Cotesford*; and also,

*Anno* 1274, 52 *Hen.* III, of Lands in *Whitfield*, in *Northamptonshire*.

Pat. *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, I meet with a Grant of 20 Acres of Assart in *Siretham* in *Whittlebury Forest*. Pat.

Pat. Anno 1378, 1 Ric. II, and Anno 1394, 17 Ric. II, a Grant of the Priory of *Wedon Pinkeny*.

Pat. Anno 1380, 3 Ric. II, a Grant of the Church of *Eburton*, Co. *Gloucester*. ex *Concessione* Willielmi Domini Zouch de *Harringworth*.

Very soon after the Dissolution of this Monastery, King Henry the VIIIth gave it to *Thomas Wriotbesley*, on May 16, 1540, who conveyed it to *Robert Peckham*, Gent, for 200 Marks, it having been before sold him by one *Edmund Clarke*, to whom *Richard Green*, the last Abbat, on the Dissolution, had made it over on a long Lease. From the *Peckham* Family, as aforesaid, it escheated to the Crown, and was by Letters Pat. A. 1615, 13 Jac. I, p. 1. demised to the Lady *Jane Sibill Grey*, Relict of Sir *Arthur Grey*, Lord *Grey of Wilton*, by the King, who granted to her the Manor of *Bitlesden*, and a Mansion House there of sixteen Bays, and a Brew House of three Bays, and a Stable of three Bays, and a Barn of six Bays, a Cow House, two Dove Houses, a Garden, an Orchard of four Acres, and three Fish-pools of two Acres, with Meadows, Closes, Messuages, &c. and Woods called *Abbots Wood*, being about eight hundred Acres in all: And the next Year, 1616, (the Lady *Grey* being dead) by Letters Patent, dated 14 June, the King recites the Demise, made April 4, to the Lady *Jane Sibill Grey*, and grants this Manor of *Bitlesden*, with other Estates of the *Greys*, in Fee to Sir *George Villiers*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, to be held by the 20th Part of a Knight's Fee.

Out of the *Chartulary* of *Bitlesden*, among *Dodsworth's* MSS. in the *Bodleian Library* at *Oxon*, Vol. 100. p 54. &c. I meet with these Donations to this Abby.

*Ernald de Bosco* the second gave to the Abby of *Bitlesden*, with his Body to be buried there, half a Yard Land in *Little Houghton*.

*Ernald de Bosco* the third confirmed his Father's Grant.

*Ernald de Bosco* the fourth, confirmed the same, which was witnessed by his Brother *William de Bosco*.

*Maud de Houghton*, granted to *Bitlesden*, for the Health of her Soul and of *Robert Grimbold*, her Father and her Mother's Souls, and Grandfather's Soul, her Rents in *Hollacare*, and One Yard Land in *Houghton*.

Anno 1259, 43 Hen. III, *Robert Grimbaude*, Lord of *Houghton*, quit claimed Lands in *Houghton*, and a Mill to *Roger* Abbat of *Bitlesden*.

An. 1278, 6 Edw. I, *William Grimbaude*, Lord of *Little Houghton*, granted to *William* Abbat of *Bitlesden* a Mill at *Houghton*.

*Hugh de Dunster*, with the Assent of *Alice* his Wife, gave ii Carucates of Land in *Tbornbergh*.

*Robert de Hastings* confirmed the Gift of his Brother *John* of iv Yard Lands in *Tbornbergh* to *Bitlesden* Abby, about the Year 1245, 19 Hen. III.

*Basilia* Priorefs of *Harwold*, agreed with the Abbat of *Bitlesden* about a Tenement in *Tbornbergh*, Anno 1252, 36 Hen. III.

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The Wife of *Alan* [*de Fraxino*,] confirmed a Yard Land to *Bitlesden* in *Thornbergh*.

*William de Breuse*, confirmed the Gift of *Thomas de Dodford*, of Lands in *Boreton*.

Anno 1206, 7 of King *John*, *Thomas de St. Walery* confirmed all his Lands in *Dodford* to *Bitlesden*, for his own Soul, *Edela* his Wife, *Averis* his Mother, *Annora* his Daughter, and *Reginald* and *Barnard*, his Brothers Souls.

*Henry de Pinkeney* grants to *Bitlesden*, a Pasture called *Smetbemed* in *Wappenham*.

Anno 1389, 12 Ric. II, by the Gift of *William* Lord *Zouch* the Church of *Ebrington*, Co. *Gloucester*, was appropriated, and a Vicar ordained.

*Hugh de Chastillon*, gave Lands at *Westbury* to *Bitlesden*, lying near his Woods.

Anno 1266, 50 Hen. III, *William* being then Abbat of *Bitlesden*, the Convent were obligated to find a Chaplain to celebrate in the Chapel of St. *Giles* at *Litcote*, in *Stewkley* Parish, and to pay 40 s. yearly to the small Priory or Cell of St. *Margaret* at *Ivingbo*.

*William de Becbamp* gave to *Bitlesden*, Ten Acres in *Eversaw*, and afterwards granted them lxx Acres more.

*Simon de Becbamp* confirmed the said Gift.

*Simon de Montfort*, Earl of *Leicester*, confirmed Lands to *Bitlesden* in *Helmedon*.

Anno 1 Ric. I, 1189, *William de Chenduit* confirmed to *Bitlesden* his Lordship of *Charvelton*.

But the principal Benefactor was the aforesaid *William* Lord *Zouch* of *Haringworth*, Anno 1389, who, as his Deed expresses it, out of the Affection he bore to the Body of his Kinsman *William de Bosco*, resting in the Church of the Blessed *Mary* at *Bitlesden*, gave thereto Lands in *Ebrington*, Co. *Gloucester*, with the Advowson of the Church there, and Ordination of the Vicaridge.

Anno 1291, 19 Edw. I, in the Taxation of the Temporalities of the Religious in the Archdeaconry of *Buckingham*, I find,

That the Abbat of *Bitlesden*, held in *Eversaw*, 12 l. 5 s. 6 d. and in *Goprel* and *Dodford* 7 l. 13 s. 8 d. and the Produce of the Flocks, &c. or Tythes of Wools 62 s. or 3 l. 2 s.

He also held in *Thornberge*, the Rent of 6 l. 4 s. 4 d.

And in *Water Stratford*, *Barton*, *Moreton*, and *Boreton*, 10 s. 8 d.

He also held in *Turweston*, 9 s. 2 d. and in the Produce of the Flocks or Tythes of Wool, 1 l. 3 s. 4 d.

In the Taxation made about the Year 1330, 4 Edw. III, in the Archives of the See of *Lincoln*, at *Buckden*, I meet with the following Account of

The Goods of the Abbat of *Bitleſden*, viz. in the County of *Buckingham*,

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
In <i>Everſawe</i> ,	16	8	4
In <i>Gorball</i> , and <i>Dodford</i> ,	10	16	4
In <i>Thornberge</i> ,	8	8	4
In <i>Turweſton</i> ,	1	12	6
In <i>Stratford</i> , <i>Barton</i> , <i>Moreton</i> , and <i>Boreton</i> ,	0	10	8
Sum Total	37	16	2

*William de Buckingham* gave Lands to *Bruern Abbey*, Co. *Oxon*, obliging that Convent to pay 5*s.* 6*d.* to *Bitleſden Abbey*, which I find *Jordan*, Abbat of *Bruern*, paid, as it is mentioned in *Madox's Formulæ*, p. 277.

Of the Chapel of *Everſaw*, dedicated to *St. Nicholas*, there is not the leaſt Footſteps now to be traced out.

The Value of it, *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, was only a Mark. It was originally given to the Prior and Monks of *Luffield* by *Hugh de Everſaw*, and confirmed to them, by *Robert* Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, about *A. D.* 1180, 26 *Hen.* II. It was, as ſeems to me, kept up when it was demifed to *William Tyler*, *Anno* 1513, 4 *Hen.* VIII, with all the reſt of the Demefnes of *Luffield*. But being given in Fee, *Anno* 1551, 5 *Edw.* VI, to *Nicholas Tbrockmorton*, it was, as I ſuppoſe, ſoon after demolished.

The Rents of *Luffield* in *Everſaw* were, *Anno* 1477, 17 *Edw.* IV, 1*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* per Annum, viz. all the Convent's Receipts there, as given in the Leiger Book.

In the Augmentation Office I find this Letter, wrote by Dr. *John London*, one of the Viſitors for the Diſſolution of Monaſteries, to Mr. *Rich*, Chancellor to the High Court of Augmentations, in behalf of this Convent, *Anno* 1539, 30 *Hen.* VIII, upon their Surrender :

“ My humble Duty obſerved unto your gudde Maſterſhippe. It may  
 “ lyke the ſame to be advertiſed, that having Commiſſion of the Kynges  
 “ Maſteſtyes, to take the Surrender of the Abbot and Convent of *Bitleſden*  
 “ in the County of *Bockingham*; I had, in the ſame Commiſſion, Auctorite  
 “ geven unto me, to aſſigne a convenient Penſion unto the Abbot and  
 “ Monkes there, to whom, in Conſideracon they hadde agreeede with the  
 “ Kinges Highneſſe to have ther Howſe contynew, notwithstanding it was  
 “ under the Value of [200*l.*] and have payd alrebye certen Monye for  
 “ the ſame Cauſe; I dydde aſſygne unto the ſaid Abbot xl*l.* Penſion,  
 “ yerely during his Lyfe, to be paid at Two uſual Termys in the Year,  
 “ viz. ad Feſta Annunciationis Beate Marie, et Sancti Michaelis, Archangeli,  
 “ and 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to evry oon of the Monks being Priests, and to  
 “ the Cellerer, 6*l.* yerely to be paid at the ſaid Termys, during ther Liffs,  
 “ unleſſe the Kings Maſteſty do provyde for every of them ſuch Speritual  
 X  
 Lyvyngs,

“ Lyvyngs as shall be as gudde, as the said Pencions. — And I have subscribed every oon of ther Names, besechyng your Mastershippe to be  
 “ gudde Master unto them, for the Assurance of ther Pencions, forasmuch  
 “ as every one of them, willingly, and lovingly, without any Difficulty,  
 “ was agreeable to the Kings Request in the Surrenderinge of ther House,  
 “ and diverse of them be very Aged Men, and pytie it were to cause them  
 “ to travel farre in sekyng of ther Pencions. . Moreover, ther ys another  
 “ quondam Abbot, called *Faiber Benet*, a very honest Man, he hath also  
 “ ther by Convent Sele a Pencion of xx Marks *durante Vita sua* Yerlye.

*Richardus Greene*, Abbas,  
*Richardus Benet*, quondam Abbas,  
*Robert Weston*,  
*Thomas Todd*, Cellerarius,  
*John Northampton*,  
*Robert Northampton*,  
*John Bradley*,  
*Jacobus Schalliston*,  
*Johannes Auckland*,  
*Richardus Shepbed*,

} Sacerdotes.

Your bounden Orator,

JOHN LONDON.

In the Augmentation Office, is entered this Assignment of the Pension to the aforesaid Abbat of *Bitlesden*, *Richard Greene*, by Hen. VIII.

“ REX Omnibus, &c. Salutem. Cum nuper Monasterium de *Bytlesden*,  
 “ in Comitatu nostro *Bucks*, jam dissolvatur, unde quidam *Richardus Greene*,  
 “ tempore dissolutionis illius et a diu antea Abbas inde fuit: Nos volentes rationalem annualem Pensionem sive promotionem condignam eidem *Richardo* ad victum, exhibitionem, et sustentationem melius sustinendum provideri, Sciatis igitur, quod Nos, in consideratione premisorum, de Gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris advisamentum et consensum Cancellarii et Concilii Curie Augmentationum Reventionum Coronæ nostræ, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentem damus et concedimus, eidem *Richardo* quandam annuitatem sive annualem Pensionem quadraginta librarum sterlingorum, habendum, gaudendum, et annuatim percipiendum eandem quadraginta libras prefato *Richardo* et assignatis suis, a festo *Sancti Michaelis* Archangeli ultimo preterito, ad terminum, et pro termino, vitæ ipsius *Richardi*, vel quousque idem *Richardus* ad unum vel plura Beneficia Ecclesiastica, sive aliam Promotionem condignam clari annui valoris quadraginta librarum aut ultra promotus fuerit, tam per manus Thesaurarii reventionum Augmentationum Coronæ nostræ pro tempore existentis de Thesauro nostro in manibus de Reventionibus prædictis remanent. contingant, quam per manus receptorum exituum et reventionum dicti nuper monasterii pro tempore existentium de eisdem exitibus et reventionibus  
 “ ad

“ ad festa *Annunciationis Beate Mariæ Virginis, et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli*, per equales portiones solvendas, Eo quod expressa mentio, &c.  
 “ In cujus rei Testimonium &c. Teste *Richardo Riche* apud Westm.  
 “ Sexto die *Februarii*, Anno Regni nostri Tricesimo. Per Cancellarium et  
 “ Concilium predictum virtute Warranti prædicti.

## Copy of the Surrender of BITLESDEN ABBY.

“ FORASMUCHE as we *Richard Greene*, Abbot of the Monasterye  
 “ off our Blessyde Ladye Saynte *Marye of Bitlesden*, and the Convent of the  
 “ same Monasterye, do profoundlye consyder, that the Manor and Trade  
 “ of Lyving, which we, and other off owre pretensyde Relygyon, have  
 “ practisyde, and usyed many Days, dothe most princypallye consyft yn  
 “ certayne dome Seremonies, and yn certayne Constytutyons off the  
 “ Bisschoppes off *Rome*, and other forynsycall Potentates, as the Abbots of  
 “ *Cystruns*, and thereyn only insolyd, and not tawght, in the true know-  
 “ ledge off God’s Laws, procuring always Exemptyon of the Byschoppes  
 “ off *Rome* from our Ordynaries, and Dyocysans, submytting our selffe  
 “ princypallye to forynsycall Potentates and Powers, which never came  
 “ here to reform suche disorder of Lyvyng, and Abuses, as nowe have  
 “ be fownde to havé raynyde amonge Usse, and therefore now assuredlye  
 “ knowyng, that the more perfytt way of Living is most principallye and  
 “ suffyciently declaryde unto usse by our Master *Christe*, his Evangelests  
 “ and Apostles, and that yt is most expedynt for usse to be governyde  
 “ and ordered by our supreme Hedde, under Godd, the King’s most noble  
 “ Grace, with our mutual ascent, and consent, do most humblye submyt  
 “ our selffe, and every one of usse, unto the most benygn Mercye of the  
 “ King’s Majestye, and by these Presents, do surrender and yeld uppe un-  
 “ to his most gratyus Hands, all our saide Monasterye, with all the Lands  
 “ Spyrytual and Temporall, Tythes, Rents, Reverfions, Ryghts, and  
 “ Revenewes, wee have in all and yn every parte off the same; most hum-  
 “ blye besechyng hys Grace to dispose of usse, and off the same, as shall seme  
 “ best unto his most gratyus Pleasur; and farder yn humble manner, desyr-  
 “ yng his most Noble Grace, to graunte unto every one of usse, under hys  
 “ Letters Patent, sume Annuitee, or other manner of Lyvyng, whereby  
 “ wee may be assuryde to have our Sustenance yn tyme comyng; and farder  
 “ to graunte unto usse frelye his Lycence to chawnge our Habyts into se-  
 “ cular Fashyon, and receive such manner of Lyving, as other secular  
 “ Priests be wonte to have; and we, and all and every one of usse, shall  
 “ faythfullye praye unto Allmyghtye Godd long to preserve his Grace with  
 “ Successe, and much Felycytee. In Wytness wheroff wee have subscribyd  
 “ our Names, and putt owre Convent Seale, unto these Presents, the xxxvi  
 “ day of *September*, in the xxxth Yere of the Rayngne of our Sufferagne  
 “ Lord Kynge *Harry the Eight*,

By me *Richard Grene*, Abbot.

By me *Thomas Todd*, Subprior.

By me *Robert Weston.*

By me *Richard Brackley.*

By me *John Northampton.*

By me *Robert Northampton.*

By me *John Bradley.*

By me *John Shallston.*

By me *John Aukland.*

By me *Richard Shepsbed.*

Per me . . . . . [This Name not legible.]

Per me *Thomam Aston.*

*N. B.* Bishop *Burnet* has, in his *History of the Reformation*, Vol. i. p. 150. in the *Appendix*, printed this Deed : but his Copy is not so correctly taken.

*Carta, Anno 8 Edw. II, [1325] N<sup>o</sup> 31 ex Archivis in Turre London. pro Mercato et Feria apud Bitlesden.*

“ R E X Archiepiscopis, &c. Salutem. Sciatis, Nos concessisse, et hac  
 “ Carta nostra confirmasse, dilectis in CHRISTO Abbati, et Conventui de  
 “ *Bitlesden*, quod ipsi et successores sui in perpetuum habeant unum Mer-  
 “ catum singulis septimanis per Diem *Lunæ*, apud Manerium suum de  
 “ *Bitlesden*, in Com. *Bucks*, et unam Feriam singulis annis per octo  
 “ Dies duraturam, viz. in Die et in Vigilia *Sanctæ Margarietæ* Virginis,  
 “ et per Sex dies sequentes. Quare volumus &c. quod prædicti Abbas et  
 “ Conventus et Successores sui, in perpetuum habeant prædictum Merca-  
 “ tum et Feriam, apud Manerium suum, cum omnibus libertatibus et li-  
 “ beris consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi Mercatum et Feriam pertinentibus.  
 “ Nisi, &c. Licet prædictum &c. Hiis Testibus Venerabilibus Patribus  
 “ *W. Cantuar.* Archiepiscopo Totius Angliæ Primate, *S. Sarum*, et *J. Ci-*  
 “ *cestrien.* Episcopis; *Thoma* Comite *Lancaster*, &c. Dat. apud *Westm.* x die  
 “ *Februarii.*

“ Per ipsum REGEM.”

## C A V E R S F I E L D.

**T**HIS Parish was so denominated, as Bishop *Kennet* tells us, in his *Pa-  
 rochial Antiquities*, p. 9 and 10, from the Emperor *Carausus* being slain  
 here in open Battle by *Alextus*, about the Year 290, and was called from  
 that Action *Carus*, or *Carausfield*; tho' it may rather be derived from *Caser*,  
 an *Inclosure*; and notwithstanding it belongs to *Buckinghamshire*, it is, as I  
 learn, surrounded by *Oxfordshire*, and disjoyned from any Part of that County  
 by near a Mile's Distance from it.

In

In the Time of the *Norman Survey*, it belonged to Earl *Warren*, and is thus entered in *Doomsday Book*.

*Terra Willhelmi de Warene, in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Brientius tenet de Willhelmo Caurefelle, pro v Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucaturum. In Dominio sunt iii, et xii Villani cum ix Bordariis, habentibus v Carucas. Ibi est vivarium Piscium. In totis Valentiis valet & valuit semper 100 s.*

*Brientius holds Caurefelle of William. It was taxed or rated at v Hides. The Arable is viii Plough Lands; there are iii in Demesne and Twelve Copyholders, and ix Cottagers. They have v Ploughs; there is a Fish-pool. It is worth and was always valued in the whole at 100 s.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Edwardus Homo Tofti, & vendere potuit.*

*Edward, Tenant of Tofti, held this Manor, and could sell it.*

This *Brientius* is, as I conceive, the same with *Brian Fitz Count*, Lord of *Wallingford*, who so stoutly defended *Wallingford Castle* against King *Stephen*, and adhered to *Maud* the Empress, Mother to King *Hen. II.*, in the Beginning of whose Reign, viz. *Hen. II.*, having entered into a Religious Order, the King seized his Estates, and gave this of *Caversfield* to *Robert Gurgate*, who, *Anno 1164*, 10 *Hen. II.*, granted the Church here to the Abbey of *Missenden*, which he assigned to that Monastery after the Death of *Guy* the then Rector. This I find was confirmed by *Robert* Bishop of *Lincoln*, saving the Right of Possession to *Guy* as long as he lived.

*Hugh Gurgate* confirmed his Father *Robert Gurgate's* Donation, and *Sibill de Caversfield* of *Whiteminster* swore, she would not move any Controversy against the Canons of *Missenden*, nor should any one else in her Name, about the Church of *Caversfield*, or for Half an Hide of Land given to *Missenden*, unless for Rents and Services due and appertaining to her Heirs and to Foreign Lords.

In the Year 1219, 3 *Hen. III.*, *Isabel* Daughter of the said *Hugh Gurgate* became a great Benefactress to the neighbouring Convent of *Burcester*, as we learn from *Bp. Kennet*, as did also *Sibill de Caversfield*, Mother of the said *Isabell*, by endowing it with Lands at *Caversfield*. She also gave One Yard Land lying in the Fields of *Stratton*; insomuch that between these two Religious Houses the Demesnes of this Parish seem to have been shared; for *Anno 1291*, 19 *Edw. I.*, in the Taxation of Spiritualties and Temporalities, the Abbot of *Missenden* had in *Caversfield*, besides the Rectory, which was then valued at six Marks, or 4 *l.* and the Vicaridge, valued at two Marks; in other Lands 11 *s.* 11 *d.* as had the Prior of *Farleigh* in *Wiltshire* 14 *s.* and the Prior of *Burcester* in *Oxfordshire's* Temporalties here were valued at no less than 5 *l.* 18 *s.* 4 *d.*

\* Ex Regist. *Missenden*. apud *Lincoln*.

b Ibid.

c Parochial Antiquities.

d Valor. Benefic. in Archivis

And

And in another Taxation I saw in the Bp. of *Lincoln's* Office at *Buckden*, made about 1330, 4 *Edw.* III, the Spiritualties of *Missenden* Abbey at *Caversfield* were 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the Temporalties of the Prior of *Burcester* 6*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*

Anno 1302, \* I find the Abbey of *Missenden* had a Grant of Free-Warren in *Caversfield*.

Anno 1386, 9 *Ric.* II, I meet with a † Fine of the Manor of *Caversfield* passed from *John Birmingham* Chivaler, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, to *John Tame* of *Brackly*, of whom, no doubt, *Langston* bought it.

The chief Tenant to these Religious Houses was the Family of *Langston*, which lived here in King *Hen.* VIth's Time; and by an Inquisition taken in 1488, 3 *Hen.* VII. *John Langston* is returned to dye, seized of a Moiety of *Caversfield* Manor, which he held of the Prior of *Burcester*, and that he himself enjoyed the other Moiety.

Anno 1526, 17 *Hen.* VIII, I find it returned in an ‡ Inquisition that *Richard Langstone* died seized of the Manor of *Caversfield*, which he held of the Prior of *Burcester*, for which he paid a Rent of four Marks.

After the Dissolution of Monasteries Anno 1541, 32 *Hen.* VIII, this Manor was some Time in the Crown; and demised, as I suppose, to the Family of the *Langstons*, whose Issue Male failing in the direct Line by the Death of *John Langstone*, Anno 1558, *Thomas Moyle*, who married *Amy* his Sister, became his Heir; however *Joan*, who was Widow to *John Langston*, having Anno 1561, 3 *Eliz.* married one *Robert Hitchcock*, he obtained a Conveyance of the Manor from Queen *Eliz.* Anno 1563, 5 *Eliz.* but the Heirs of *Langston*, viz. the *Moyles*, disputing it, *Hitchcock* sold his Claim to one *Bedell* and *Ewer*; but *Moyle* recovering it back to his Family, and all Disputes being ended, Anno 1614, 12 *Jac.* I, they enjoyed quiet Possession 'till the Death of *Thomas Moyle*, Anno 1649, when it came, as appears to me, to the *Davenports*; and so this Manor by Deed of Bargain and Sale, dated Jan. 20, 1653, 5 *Car.* II, in Consideration of 6000*l.* became conveyed by *James Davenport* of *Sutton*, Co *Chester*, Esq; to *Maximilian Bard*, Girdler, and *James Strange*, Merchant Taylor, of *London*; and the said *Maximilian Bard* dying Anno 1690, 2 *William* and *Mary*, Aged 85, was succeeded by *Nathanael* his Son and Heir; and he by *Thomas Bard*, who held it Anno 1702; and about two Years after, viz. Anno 4 of Queen *Anne*, together with his two Sons *Thomas* and *George Bard*, by Deed, dated Feb. 3, 1704, conveyed their Right in Fee to *William Vaux*, Attorney at Law, who is the present Lord of this Manor, and Patron of the Church, Anno 1735.

The Advowson of the Vicaridge with the Rectorial Tythes belonging to *Missenden* Abbey, were by Letters Patent of King *Hen.* VIII. granted to *Richard Ingram* and *Anthony Foster*, and their Heirs, 1544, 35 *Hen.* VIII, from whom they were, no doubt, purchased in Queen *Eliz.*'s Reign by the then Possessors of the Manor, viz. *Hitchcock* and *Ewer*, for 'tis plain they presented to the Church, which has ever since Queen *Eliz.*'s Time remained appendant to the Manor, as it does at this Day.

\* Pat. 30 *Edw.* I. † Fines Co. Buckingham. ‡ Ex Inquist. † Ibid. ‡ Ex Evidentiis.

I do not meet with any Lands in this Parish given to Charities.

This small Parish is bounded South by *Burcester*, West by *Bucknall* and *Stoke-Lyne*, North by *Straton Audley* and *Fringford*, and East by *Loun-ton*, all in *Oxfordshire*; by which it is furrounded. It was assessed to the Land Tax *Anno* 1712, 73*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* Here are only nine Houses in the Village of *Caversfield*, and about Fourteen in *Straton-Audley*; one Part of which Village lies in this County; but the other Part, with the Church, is in *Oxfordshire*. It was antiently only a Chapel of Ease to *Burcester*.

The Register of *Caversfield* begins but *Anno* 1640, 15 *Car.* I, and has nothing remarkable in it, and is imperfect in several Years, between *Anno* 1664 and 1697. It is kept very ill, and there are several Entries made by one *Michael Harrison*, a Dissenting Teacher, who belonged to the Presbyte-rian Family of the *Bards*. This *Harrison* printed a Discourse or Sermon of two in which he styles himself Minister of *Caversfield, Bucks, Anno* 1692. He had some Children born here.

I find only one Entry, viz. of the Birth of *William* Son of *Nathanael Bard* Esq; 1692. After the Sale of *Caversfield*, the *Bards* rented the Manor House of *Foxcote juxta Buckingham*, and lived there *Anno* 1706. A younger Son of this Family was Mr. *George Bard*, who was a very soci-able Gentleman, of good Parts, and differed in Religion from the rest of the Family.

The Names of the Vicars, who have all of them before the Reformation been presented by the Title of the Convent of *Missenden*, that occur in the Registers of *Lincoln*, are as follow:

*William de Upton* was presented *Anno* 1225, 9 *Hen.* III, to the Vicaridge of the Church of *Caversfield*, ordained by the Lord Bishop, by the Autho-riety of the Counsel, being presented by the Abbat and Convent of *Missen-den*, the Patrons.

*Reginald de Weston* was made Vicar *Anno* 1258, 42 *Hen.* III.

*Adam de Staunton* was instituted *Anno* 1269, 53 *Hen.* III, on the Death of *Reginald*.

*John Franceys* was instituted on *Adam's* Death, *Anno* 1276, 4 *Edw.* I.

*John de Ascote* was instituted on the Death of *Franceys*, 8 May 1293, 25 *Edw.* I.

*John Dugon* was instituted on the Death of *John* the last Vicar, 1 June, 1335, 9 *Edw.* III,

*Roger* last Vicar died *Anno* 1349, 23 *Edw.* III.

• *Simon Salatiel* of *Wilsbamstead*, succeeded 3 *Id.* Dec. 1349.

*Thomas Gyles* was instituted 2 *Id.* Oct. 1361, on the Death of *Simon*.

*William Salmon* was instituted 8 Nov. 1403, 2 *Hen.* IV, not said how va-cant.

*Edward Lake* was instituted 28 July 1407, 6 *Hen.* IV.

*John Hagason* of *Scordeburgh* was instituted 1 July, 1423, 1 *Hen.* VI, as was

*John*



*John Esteby* instituted 1424, 2 Hen. VI. and

*John James* instituted 9 Mar. 1435, 13 Hen. VI.

*David Tryl* resigned Anno 1440, 18 Hen. VI, and was succeeded by

*David Morthwy* or *Mowthwy* instituted 28 Dec. 1440, 11 Hen. VI.

*Matthew ap David Vachan* was instituted 9 April 1454, 32 Hen. VI, on the Resignation of *Mowthwy*.

*John Fyrian* was instituted 17 June, 1480, 20 Edw. IV. He quitted it for *Preston Bisset*.

*Robert Lanot* was instituted 10 July, 1481, 21 Edw. IV.

*John Cottisford* was instituted 15 Mar. 1493, 8 Hen. VII, on the Resignation of *Lanot*.

*Thomas Key* resigned Anno 1504, 19 Hen. VII, and was succeeded by

*William Hunt*, LL. B. instituted 20 Feb. Anno 1504.

*Thomas Coward* was instituted 12 June 1508, on the Death of the last Vicar.

*Hugh Woodys* was instituted 8 Oct. 1528, 19 Hen. VIII, on the Death of *Coward*. He is the last presented by the Convent of *Missenden*. He died Anno 1558, 5 Mary, as appears by his Will, in which he appointed to be buried in the Chancel here. The next I meet with is

*Griffith Younge*. He was deprived Anno 1570, 12 Eliz. and

*Edward Younge* was instituted in his Place on the Presentation of *Robert Hitchcocke*, Esq.

*Stephen Lister* was instituted 6 Dec. 1577, on the Presentation of *William Allcocke* Gent. on the Resignation of *Edward Younge*.

*Richard Benslyn* was instituted 25 April, 1582, on the Resignation of *Stephen Lister*, on the Presentation of *William Alcock*.

*Ralph Lees*, on the Presentation of *Ralph Heydon*, Gent. was instituted 9 Aug. 1586, on the Resignation of the last Vicar not named.

*William Bateman*, A. M. was instituted 11 Feb. 1602, 44 Eliz. on the Presentation of *Edward Ewer* of *Caversfield* and *William Ewer* of *Lincolns Inn*. He occurs Vicar Anno 1618. The next I find is

*Richard Grimes* A. M. He was instituted 22 Nov. 1639, and occurs Vicar Anno 1651.

*Philip Holland* was instituted on the Death of the last Vicar (not named) on the King's Presentation by Lapse 27 Jan. 1661.

*James Durant*, A. M. was instituted on the Death of the last Vicar (not named) on the Presentation of *Maximilian Bard* Esq; June 16, 1679.

After him I suppose there were no Institutions in Mr. *Bard's* Time, if *Durant* lived till the next Institution, which, as I find, is of

*William Hodson*, A. B. instituted 7 Sep. 1704, on the Presentation of *William Vaux*, Gent.

*John Wells*, A. B. was instituted on Mr. *William Vaux's* Presentation, on the Cession of *Hodson*, March 25, 1715, 1 Geo. I.

*George Salter* was instituted 15 Oct. 1725, 11 George I, by the Cession of *Wells*, on the Presentation of *William Vaux*, Gent. and he is the present Vicar, Anno 1732.

Terrier 3 Nov. 1639, *Richard Grimes*, Vicar.

An House of three Bays; a Close adjoining of a Rood; a Rood of Meadow in *Stratton Field*; the Tythes of three Yard and an half of Land in *Stratton Field*, great and small.

The Vicaridge was in *Queen Anne's* Time returned to be only of the clear yearly Value of 18 l. 6 s. 6 d. 'Twas rated *Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen. VIII.*, at 6 l. in the *Valor Beneficiorum*.

Pat [*Anno* 1610.] 8 *Jac. I.*, Part 49. Grant of the Fee Farm Rent of *Caversfield* Manor of 2 l. 13 s. 4 d. and Lands and Tenements which the Prior of *Burcester* had leased to *John Langston* of *Caversfield*, Gent. *Anno* 3 *Hen. VII.*, 1488, granted to *Andrew Aucher*, and *Sir Thomas Hardres*.

The Church of *Caversfield*, which is dedicated to *St. Lawrence*, consists of a Body, South Ile, and Chancel, all which are tyled; at the West End is a low Tower, with a rising sloped Roof, in which hang two little Bells. The Length of the Church and Chancel is about 49 Foot, the Breadth of the Church 21 Feet, and of the Chancel about 15 Feet. 'Tis a mean Fa-brick, and has nothing memorable in the whole Church, where there seems to have been a North Ile answerable to the South one; here is only this one In-scription on a Grave-stone in the Church:

“ In Memory of *Matbew Hearne*, who dyed the 3d Day of *June* 1701,  
“ aged 76 Years.

But in the Chancel (which is cieled at Top like a Room) are several In-scriptions; and in the South Window is this Coat of Arms of the *Langston's*, in painted Glafs, which was also in one of the Church Windows, viz.

Or, a Chevron between two Roses Gules in Chief; and in Base a Dolphin bauriant, Azure. On the Chevron a Mullet Argent, for Distinction.

Over the Chancel Door are these Arms painted: Gules, a Mule passant, within a Bordure, Argent, being the *Moyle's* Arms; impaling these Quar-terings: 1. Gules, 2. Barrs Argent, charged with three Martlets Azure, in Chief as many Plates, and in Fess a Greybound currant, Or. 2. Azure a Sal-tire Sable, between four Estoiles, Gules. 3. Or, a Chevron between two Roses Gules in Chief; and in Base a Dolphin bauriant, Azure: 4th as 1. Crest, two Wyverns Heads interlaced.

Underneath, on a small Brass Plate,

“ *Thomas Moyle* died the 10th of *June* 1649, in the Year of his Age 65.”

At the upper End of the Chancel, above the Communion Steps, is a raised Altar Tomb of grey Marble; round the Verge was an Inscription, but 'tis torn off; at each End are the Arms of *Langston* as afore described, im-paling *Denton*, viz. A Mullet between two Barrs, in Chief three Estoils.

This was for *John Langston*, who died *Anno* 1487, 2 *Hen. VII.*, and mar-ried (as appears to me) *Joan* Daughter of *John Denton*.

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Over

Over this Tomb are affixed against the Wall, two Atchievements with these Arms, viz. *Bard, on a Chevron between 10 Martlets, Argent, 5 Ogresses.* The Crest, *A Lion's Paw erased, holding the Leg of an Horse erased.*

On the other Atchievement. The same Arms in Lozenge impaling *Goff, viz. the Wife of Bard, with her own Armes, Azure and Sable, within a Bordure counterchanged.*

On a black Marble this on the Pavement,

" Here lyeth the Body of *Maximilian Bard*, Esquire, who deceased the  
 " 16 Day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord 1690, in the 85th  
 " Year of his Age."

By it lyes an antient grey Marble Grave-stone with the Arms of *Denton*, viz. *Two Barrs, in Fefs point a Mullet; in Cheif 3 Estoils, impaling Or, a Cross Moline.* Above the Arms was an Inscription in Brass, which is torn off. Over the Inscription remain two Hands <sup>conjoined</sup> engraven, holding an Heart, and on the Heart the Word *Credo*, engraven. From whence proceed three Labels thus inscribed :

*Dei Mihi Deus quia peccavi nimis in Vita mea.  
 Quid faciam Miser, ubi surgam nisi ad te Deus meus.  
 Miserere mei cum veneris in nobilissimo Die.*

This was, as seems to me, in Memory of *Thomas Denton*, who in his Will, dated 27 Dec. 1533, appointed his Body to be buried in *Caversfield* Church. He was a younger Son, as appears by the *Mullet*, and the Variation of the Arms, viz. the changing the *Estoils* into *Cinque-foils*, seems to have been done by the other Branch of the Family.

Below the Communion Table are four Grave-stones, on the two upper Corners these Arms, viz. *A Talbot passant.*

Underneath them on a Plate of Brass,

*Here lyeth the Body of Rauff Heydon, the Son of William Heydon, Esquire; the said Rauff deceased the third Day of July 1592.*

On another Stone, which was inlaid with a Plate of Brass, torn off, are the *Moyle's* Arms, being a *Mule passant*. Underneath, this Inscription set into the Stone in a Lozenge Fashion,

" Here lyeth *Thomas Moyle* of *Caversfield*, in the County of *Bucks*, Esq.  
 " second Son to *Thomas Moyle*, of *Bucknall*, in the County of *Oxford*,  
 " Esq. and *Mercy* his Wife, who married *Mary North*, Daughter of  
 " Sir *Henry North* of *Millner*, in the County of *Suffolk*. He departed  
 " this Life the 10 Day of *June*, A. D. 1649."  
 " Some Men desire rich Monuments to frame,  
 " Only a Stone I have in Memory of my Name.  
 " There is little Happiness in Monuments of Stone,  
 " My Happiness in Heaven's in CHRIST alone.

On another antient Grave-stone, the Portraiture of a Man in Brass, in a Priest's Habit, at his Mouth a Scroll thus inscribed,

*Subveniat mihi Laurentii Patro Sancti.*

Over this St. *Lawrence* with his Gridiron.

At

At two Corners of the Stone the Arms of *Langston* as before, viz. *A Chevron between two Roses, in Base a Dolphin bauriant.* Round the Verge this Inscription, torn off in part,

*Obiit Die Sti. Blasii An. Dni. Millmo. CCCCXXXV. Cujus aie propitietur Deus, Amen.*

And on another Plate of Brass these Verses,

*Sis testis Christe quod non jacet hic Lapis iste  
Corpus ut ornetur, sed Spiritus ut memoretur.  
Quisquis eris qui tranſieris, ſta perlege, plora,  
Sum quod eris, fucram quod es, pro me precor ora.*

On another Grave-stone of Marble the Effigies of a Man and Woman in Brass. The Man in Armour, under them this :

*Pater excelle miſerere precor miſerere  
Johannis Langſton et Conjugis Amicie  
Atque ſue Sobolis qui Te in Terris coluere  
Hoſque precor Notis jungere Coelicolis.*

Under the Man 12 Sons, and under the Woman 10 Daughters, and round the Verge this Inscription,

*Orate pro animabus Johannis Langſton Armigeri et Amicie Conſortis ſue, qui quidem Johannes obiit nono die Septembris Anno Domini Millmo CCCCXVI. Duorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.*

At the Corner of the Stone the Arms of *Langston* as before, viz. *a Chevron between two Roses, in Base a Dolphin bauriant, impaling, on a Bend three Martlets.*

Since the Inclosure of the Parish by the Family of *Bard*, the Rents have been much more than doubled.

## CHETWOOD,

**S**EEMS to be derived from the Saxon Word *Cýte*, or *Cbit*, a Cottage or a Wood with Cottages. In *Doomſday-Book* it is thus ſurveyed :

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis in Rovelai Huudred.*

*Robertus de Thain tenet de Episcopo Chetwode. Pro x Hidis se defendebat. Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt ii et vii Villani cum ii Bordariis habentibus ii Carucas et Dimidium : Et Dimidium potest fieri. Ibi vi Servi et i Molindinum de xxxs. Pratum*

*Robert de Thain holds of the Bishop of Baieux, Chetwood. It was rated at ten Hides ; the Arable is five Carucates, two are in Demesne. There are seven Copyholders and two Cottagers having two Carucates and an half, and another half can be made. There are six Ser-*

v Carucatarum. Sylva c Porcorum. Vallet lx s. Quando recepit xl s. Tempore Regis Edwardi lx s.

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Adnod Chentiscus, Teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

vants and one Mill of 30 s. Value. Meadow for the five Carucates, Mast for 100 Hogs. It is worth 60 s. when he received 40 s. In King Edward's Time it was worth 50 s.

Adnod, a Kentish Man, King Edward's Thane or Knight, held this Manor, and could sell it.

Of this Bishop of *Bajoux*, being outed of his vast Possessions *Anno* 1088, 1 *William* II, having already treated, I need only observe here, that his Feodary Tenant *Robert de Thain*, obtained this Manor, and became Ancestor to a Family hence denominated, which resided here in *Henry* II's Time; for in an Account I have seen of the Family <sup>a</sup>, mention is made of *Robert Chetwode* being Lord of *Chetwood*, *Temp. Hen. II*, who had Issue Sir *Ralph Chetwode*, who attended King *Richard* the first unto the Holy Wars.

In the Fines *Anno* 1222, 7 *Hen. III*, *John de Chetwode* passed a Moiety or half Part of this Manor to *Robert* his Son, probably on his Marriage: And in the same Reign, *Anno* 1244, Sir *Ralph de Norwich* founding a Priory here <sup>b</sup>, *Robert de Chetwode*, as we are told in the Account of the Family, released for himself and his Heirs to the Prior and Canons of *Chetwode*, and their Successors, all Rents, Duties, and Services for all the Lands they held in *Chetwood*, on their Payment of a Mark in Silver. And <sup>c</sup> *Sibill* his Wife surviving him, in her Widowhood, granted two Yard Land, with the Appurtenances, to an Hermitage founded in *Chetwode*. This *Robert* left Issue two Sons, viz. Sir *John Chetwood*, and *William*, of whom *John* the elder Son had Issue <sup>d</sup> Sir *Robert*, who married *Lucy* Lady of *Hocchlyve*, in the County of *Bedford*, and had Issue Sir *John Chetwode*, who represented the County of *Buckingham* in Parliament <sup>e</sup>, *Anno* 26 and 30 *Edw. I*. This *John* had Issue by *Joan* his first Wife (for by *Amicia* Daughter of ——— *de Cugenbo* his second Wife, he had no Children) Sir *John Chetwode*, who died about 14 *Edw. II*, and left Issue two Sons, viz. Sir *John de Chetwode*, and *Robert*, which *Robert* had Issue a Son named *John*, who marrying *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir of *Stephen de Oakeley*, of *Oakeley*, in the County of *Stafford* <sup>f</sup>, became Progenitor to the Family of *Chetwode*, of that County, now living there; as to Sir *John* the elder Brother, he died about *Anno* 23 *Edw. III*, and was succeeded by Sir *Nicholas Chetwode*, Lord of *Chetwode* and *Hocchlyve*, who died *Anno* 35 *Edw. III*, and by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *John Lyons* of *Warkworth*, in the County of *Northampton*, (who remarried *Ric. Wodevill* about 44 *Edw. III*) had Issue Sir *John Chetwode*, who was one of the Knights of this County in the Parliaments holden *Anno* 10 and 18 *Ric. II* <sup>g</sup>. This Sir *John Chetwode* and *Mary* his first Wife granted *Anno* 12 *Richard II* <sup>h</sup>,

<sup>a</sup> Vide the Account of them in the Baronetage.

<sup>b</sup> See *Tanner's Notitia Monastica*, Folio

Edition, p 31.

<sup>c</sup> *Kennet's Parochial Antiq.* p. 255, 259.

<sup>d</sup> *Ex Gencalogia.*

<sup>e</sup> *Pryn's*

*Brevia Parliament.*

<sup>f</sup> See the Baronetage.

<sup>g</sup> *Pryn's Brevia Parliament.*

<sup>h</sup> Pat. 13

*Richard II.* p. 1. m. 26.

to the Priory of *Cbetwode*, an Acre of Land, and the Advowson <sup>1</sup> of the Church of *Cbetwood* 60 Acres of Wood in *Letbingburgh*, alias *Lenborough*, *juxta Bucks*, and two Messuages, and two Yard Land in *Barton*, *juxta Cbetwood*.

By *Mary* his first Wife, he had Issue <sup>k</sup> *John* his eldest Son, who died unmarried *Anno* 1420, and was buried at *Warkworth*, and by his second Wife, viz. *Annabel* Daughter of *Sir Thomas Green* of *Greens Norton*, had Issue *Sir Thomas Cbetwode* <sup>l</sup>, Lord of *Cbetwood* and *Warkworth*, created a Knight Banneret, *Anno* 1458, who deceasing without Issue; and likewise his Daughters *Joan* and *Alice*, this Manor of *Cbetwode* came to the Issue of his Sister *Elizabeth* Wife to *Sir Thomas Woodull* of *Odull* or *Woodbull*, in the County of *Bedford*, who died *Anno* 1475, and was buried at *Warkworth*, leaving Issue *Fulk* and *William Odull* or *Woodbull*, who with *William Newnham*, *Anno* 1480, assented to the Award made by the Bishop of *Lincoln* <sup>m</sup>, to make the Parish Church of *St. Martin's* at *Cbetwode*, a Chapel to the Priory Church, and to make the Priory Church parochial, and to take down the Chancel of the Parish Church, and close it up. However, in this Award, special Provision was made for the annual Observation of the Festival of *St. Martin*, in the Winter, viz. *November 11*, which the Convent of *Nutley* bound themselves and their Successors to keep for evermore, in the old Parish Church, with the utmost Solemnity, as it was the Dedication Day of the said Parish Church.

But in less than an hundred Years after this Time, *Richard Cbetwode*, a younger Son of the Family of *Okeley*, marrying *Agnes* Daughter of *Anthony Woodbull* or *Odull*, (called in the Family Account Baron of *Woodbull* or *Odull*) this Manor was brought back again, and reverted from the Heirs Female, to the Heirs Male of the Name and Family of *Cbetwode*; and *Ric. Cbetwode* Esquire, of the *Inner Temple*, who resided here *Anno* 1582, (and was *Anno* 1603, in King *James* the first's Reign, made a Knight, and set up a Claim to the Barony of *Odull*) was Father to *Richard Cbetwode*, who by *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of *Sir Valentine Knightley* of *Fawesley*, had Issue *Valentine* his Son born 1618, who was Father to *Dr. Knightley Cbetwode* born here at *Cbetwode*, *Anno* 1650, who died 1720, Dean of *Gloucester*; whose elder Brother (as seems to me) viz. *Arthur Cbetwode* sold this Manor to *John Cbetwode* of *Okeley*, in the Parish of *Mucleston*, in the County of *Stafford*, Esquire, of the elder Branch of the Family; for in a Deed (as I have seen) dated *May 6, 1654*, I find a Conveyance of the capital Messuage and Manor of *Cbetwode*, with Lands in *Burton*, *Hillesden*, *Tingwick*, *Lenborough*, *Cowley*, *Gawcot* and *Preston*, from *Arthur Cbetwode*, Esquire, to *John Cbetwode* of *Okeley*, Esquire, which he the said *John Cbetwode* dying possessed of about 1670, was succeeded by *Philip* his Son, who died 1678, and was succeeded by *John Cbetwode* his Son, created a Baronet by Letters Patent, dated *April 6, 1700*, who dying *April 23, 1733*, was succeeded by *Sir Philip Touchet Cbetwoode* his Son and Heir, the present Lord of this Manor of *Cbetwood*; which, as appears to me, has been in the Possession and Inheritance of the *Cbetwoods* longer than any Estate or Ma-

<sup>i</sup> Fin. Buck. 15 Ric. II, N. 33. <sup>k</sup> Ex Genealogia. <sup>l</sup> See the Baronetage. <sup>m</sup> Regist. Lincoln, and History of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 17, — 22.

nor in this County of *Buckingham* has continued the Property of any other Family now there existing; tho' as their principal Residence has been at *Okeley*, for so many Generations, their capital House here has been neglected; however, by Virtue of the Tenure of this Lordship, they claim by prescriptive Right, Suit and Service over these neighbouring Towns and Hamlets, viz. *Chetwood*, *Barton*, *Tingwick*, *Preston cum Cowley*, *Hillesden*, *Gawcot*, *Lenborough*, and *Bucks* Prebend End; and summon the Constables of all these Villis to appear and be sworn at their Court Leet, held at *Chetwood* in *Easter* Week, which Townships are said to have been formerly included within the Limits of an old Forest, called *Rockwood*.

Having done with the Account of the Lords of the temporal Manor, I proceed to treat of the Priory founded here, which is also deemed a Manor.

Sir *Ralph de Norwich* having, *Anno* 1244, 28 *Hen. III*<sup>a</sup>, as aforementioned, founded here a Priory of the Order of *St. Augustine*, to the Honour of *St. Mary* and *St. Nicholas*, and it falling into Decay, and the Revenues not being able to support the Convent, it was, *propter paupertatem et destitutionem Canonicorum*, *Anno* 1460, annexed to the Abby of *Notley*; and the conventual Church here being, *Anno* 1480, as aforesaid, made parochial, there was continued only a Canon or two, to do the Duties of the Church here, and at *Barton*, till the general Dissolution, *Anno* 1540: Soon after which King *Hen. VIII*, by Letters Patent, dated "1 June *Anno* 1541, in the 32d Year of his Reign, for 183 l. granted to *William Risley*, and *Alice* his Wife, the Manor and Rectory of *Barton Hartysborne*, Parcel of the Possessions of *Notley* late Monastery; and the Manor and Rectory of *Chetwode*, and also the Church of *Chetwode*, formerly called the Priory, with the Advowson of *Barton* and *Chetwode* Churches thereto appertaining, with 32 Acres in *Godington*, in the County of *Oxon*, and Lands in *Preston* and *Wotton Underwood*, and a Wood called *Boysley Wood*, in the Parish of *Bucks*, all Parcel of the Possessions of *Notley* late Monastery; to have and to hold to the said *William* and *Alice Risley*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, by the 20th Part of a Knight's Fee."

Which Family of *Risley* descended from an antient Family, which lived, *Anno* 1268, 52 *Hen. III*, and married the Heiress of *Houghton*, or *Howton*, of *Pisford* or *Pitchford*, in the County of *Northampton*; having thus acquired this small Monastery, seated themselves here, and the said *William Risley* dying *Anno* 1553, was succeeded by *William* his eldest Son and Heir, elected Member of Parliament for the Town of *Bucks*, *Anno* 1559, 1 *Eliz.* who dying *Jan.* 29, 1602, was buried here, and succeeded by *Paul Risley* his eldest Son and Heir, (his other Sons were *Thomas* who died unmarried, and *George* Fellow of *New College Oxon*; and his Daughters were *Frances*, Wife to *Ferdinando Wenman*, Esquire, and *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Toby Chauncy*) which *Paul Risley*, who died and was buried here *Anno* 1626, taking to Wife *Dorothea*, Daughter of Sir *John Temple* of *Stow*, had Issue *William* his eldest Son, who died unmarried; *Thomas* his second Son, high Sheriff of this County *Anno* 1666, who died and was buried here *Anno* 1671. And

<sup>a</sup> See Notitia Monastica, p. 31. Folio Edition.

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by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *John Danvers* of *Culworth* left Issue *John Risley* & his Son and Heir, who died and was buried here Anno 1682; he married *Christian* Daughter of Sir *Peter Temple* of *Stow* afore said, by whom leaving one Daughter, named *Margaret*, who died young, this Estate came to his great Nephew *Paul Risley*, Son to *Henry Risley*, and Grandson to *Paul Risley* his fourth Uncle, who is, Anno 1735, the present Lord hereof.

The Arms of *Risley* are, *Argent, a Fess Azure, between three Crescents Gules. Crest, a Greyhound passant, Ermine collar'd.*

In the great Parlour of Mr. *Risley's* House, are carved upon the Wainscot in a Shield, these Arms, quartered by the Family.

1. *Risley* as before blazoned.
2. *Morlant, Ermine, in chief, Argent, a Greyhound passant, Sable.*
3. *Bekering, Cheque Argent and Gules, a Bend, Sable, charged with three Estfoils.*
4. *Havering, Argent, a Lion rampant, Gules.*
5. *Newhall, Azure, two Roundlets Sable, in chief, Or.*
6. *Delaborne, Argent, three Roundlets Sable.*
7. *Howton, Argent, a Bend cottized, Gules, charged with three Estfoils of the Field.*
8. *Osborn, A Cross engrailed, Or, in the first and fourth Quarter an Ermine Spot.*
9. *Dorchester, Argent, seven cross Croissants Sable, and three Crescents, Or*
10. *Newman, Argent, three spread Eagles, Gules in Chief, a Label.*
11. *Haleskerke, three Torteauxes.*
12. *Blundell, Sable Billittee of eight, Or, in dexter Canton, a Lion rampant.*

The Lands this Priory was endowed with, and who were the Donors thereof, I shall briefly enumerate.

*Ralph de Norwich*, the Founder, gave thereto 10 Yard Land in *Chetwood*, *Barton*, and *Godington*, as appears by the Fines Anno 29 Hen. III, 1245.

Anno 36 Hen. III, 1252, that King granted the Hermitage of St. *Werburchs* in *Brill*, to this Convent, and also gave the Monks here 21 Acres of Assart or grubbed up Wood Ground, and five Loads of Wood yearly from his Forest of *Bernwood*.

Anno 18 Edw. I, 1290, this Convent had a Grant of a Fair for three Days here, viz. On the Vigil or Eve, on the Day, and Morrow or Day after, the Nativity of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, viz. September the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sir *John Chetwode* gave them the Advowson of *Chetwode*, as already mentioned; and *Thomas Somerton*, Parson of *Steple Aston*, in the County of *Oxon*, gave them 2 Messuages and 3 Yard Land in *Middle Aston*.

*Thomas Buffin* gave them Lands called *Nethercotes* in *Steple Aston*.

But an Account of these Benefactions being printed in *Dugdale's Monasticon*. Tom. ii. p. 339 &c. where see the License for the Foundation, and also in *Kennet's Parochial Antiquities*, pa. 246, and 255, I need only thereto



refer. But I shall here take Notice that *Anno* 13 *Edw.* I 1285, as I find by the Letters Patent, this Convent except the Church was burnt down by wicked Persons; and that *Anno* 1391, when *John Bokingham*, Bishop of *Lincoln*, gave Leave to annex *St. Martin's Church* at *Chetwode* to this Priory, the whole Revenues were given in at only 15 Marks.

The Appropriation of *St. Martin's Church* bears Date *July* 1, *Anno* 1391, when a Bond was given by the Prior to perform the Cure. The Rectory was then estimated at 12 Marks. Who were the Rectors here before this Appropriation, I have met with very little Account; for the only ones that I can find in the *Lincoln Registers*, and other Authorities, are

*Ralph de Shalfston*, who occurs Rector *Anno* 1218, 2 *Hen.* III, in the Register of *Luffield Priory*. After him

*Gilbert de Hoda* was presented to *St. Martin's Church* at *Chetwode* by Sir *Robert de Chetwode*, *Anno* 1231, 15 *Hen.* III; who also the same Year presented *Jeremias Capellanus*. After him

*Ralph de Chesterton* occurs Rector, *Anno* 1244, 28 *Hen.* III. On whose Death, which happened *Anno* 1278, 6 *Edw.* I,

*William Maunsell* became instituted 6 *Cal. April*, *Anno* 1278, 6. *Edw.* I, on the Presentation of Sir *Robert de Chetwode*. After these I meet with no other Person styled Rector, except

*Nicholas*, who is so called *Anno*, 1335, about the 12<sup>th</sup> of *Edw.* III. In the 23 of whose Reign I find a Patent was obtained for granting this Church to the Prior of *Chetwode* though it was not compleatly settled 'till about 1391, 15 *Ric.* II. And so I come to give a List of the Priors of *Chetwode*.

#### CHETWODE PRIORS.

<sup>1</sup> *Thomas de Hanworth*, Canon of *Thurgarton*, Co. *Nottingham*, was appointed the first Prior by the Founder, *Anno* 1245, 29 *Hen.* III.

*John*, Sub-Prior of *Burcester*, succeeded on *Hanworth's* Resignation, 2 *Id. Nov.* *Anno* 1261, 45 *Hen.* III. The King (who is called Patron) giving his Assent.

*William de Dadington* was elected 2 *Id. Nov.* *Anno* 1270, 54 *Hen.* III, on *John's* Resignation. I take him to be the same with

*William Bricklesworth*, on whose Resignation, *Anno* 1304, 32 *Edw.* I,

*Roger de Langham* became elected, 6. *Id. Dec.* *Anno* 1304, 32. *Edw.* I. He resigned *Anno* 1317, 10. *Edw.* II, and was succeeded by

*John de Warmington*, elected *Mar.* 31, *Anno* 1317, 10 *Edw.* II, with the King's Licence. His Successor was

*Robert de Brakeley* elected *July*, 15, *Anno* 1327, 2 *Edw.* III, on whose Death, *Anno* 1337, 11 *Edw.* III,

*William de Halton* succeeded 7 *Cal. Sep.* *Anno* 1337. He died 15 *May*, *Anno* 1348, 22 *Edw.* III.

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*Henry de Wickham* succeeded, and was admitted 5 Id. June, Anno 1349. He died Anno 1361, and was succeeded by

*John de Westbury*, elected 2 Nov. Anno 1361, 35 Edw. III, being collated by the Bishop. His Successor was

*Richard Langton*, confirmed Prior 13 Feb. Anno 1386, 9 Rich. II, on the Death of *John Westbury* (*Viri recolende memorie*, as *Westbury* is styled in the Register) on Licence obtained from the King for his Election.

*Thomas Rede* succeeded 3 Oct. Anno 1405, 6 Hen. IV. The next I find is

*Richard Boreton*, on whose Death, Anno 1445, 23 Hen. VI,

*John Humberston*, Canon of *Hagbmon Abbey Co. Salop*, was collated by the Bishop, per *Lapsum*, 16 June, Anno 1445. He died Anno 1458, 36 Hen. VI. After which this Priory, as aforesaid, became annexed to *Nutley Abbey*, and so no more Priors ever succeeded, but only a Canon or two of *Nutley*, as aforementioned, were left here to officiate and serve the Cures of *Chetwode* and *Barton*: both which said Cures being supplied by the same Person, and the Names of the Ministers having been given in *Barton*, I need not repeat them here.

This Parish is bounded South by *Stratton-Ardley* and *Godington Co. Oxon.* North by *Tingwick*, West by *Barton*, and East by *Preston*. It contains about 1000 Acres, and was, Anno 1712, assessed to the Land Tax 135*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* Here are only 16 Families.

The old Parish Church of *St. Martin* having been made a Chapel to the Priory Church, had its Chancel taken down Anno 1480, 20 Edw. IV; and being entirely demolished after the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* Time, and a Monument of Sir *John Chetwode* and his Lady destroyed, the Parishioners have been ever since in the sole Possession of the said Priory Church, which consists of a Body or single Ile, with two small cross Iles or Vestries, the North one of which belongs to the Family of the *Chetwodes*, being assigned to them (as I presume) by the Convent of *Nutley*, or probably separated to their Use on annexing the Hermitage or Chapel of *St. Stephen* and *St. Laurence* to this Convent, about the Time that the Parish Church was agreed to be appropriated, when the Hermitage or Chantry Priest might be removed or appointed to celebrate Mass for the Founders Souls in this Part of the present Church. Of these Priests, thus instituted, I have met with the following Presentations of them from the Registers of *Lincoln*.

*Robert Walthon* was presented by Sir *Ralph Chetwode*, *ad Heremitagium et Capellam Sancti Stephani et Laurentii de Chetwode*, Anno 1246, 30 Hen. III.

*William de Bicklefwade*, was presented by *John Chetwode*, *ad dictum Heremitagium, vacantem per mortem Roberti*, Anno 1270, 54 Hen III.

*Richard de Hartwell* succeeded Anno 1271, 55 Hen III, on *William's* Resignation.

*William*, last *Capellanus*, died and was succeeded by

*Simon*, about the Year 1300; on whose Death, *Anno* 1314,

*Roger de Parva Harwedon* was instituted, *Anno* 1314, 7 *Edw.* II, on the Presentation of Sir *John Chetwode*.

*William de Shirbone* was instituted *Anno* 1349, 23 *Edw.* III, on *Roger's* Death, on the Presentation of Sir *John de Chetwode*.

*John Hawes, de Chetwode*, was instituted 8 *Id. Nov.* *Anno* 1352, 26 *Edw.* III, and resigned *Anno* 1359.

*William de Chardonis* succeeded 9 *Cal. Julii*, *Anno* 1359, on *Nicholas Chetwode's* Presentation.

*John Cowpere* succeeded 3 *Id. Aug.* *Anno* 1359, the Month following, and is the last that was presented; for, as I suppose, it was soon after annexed to this small Priory, and the Service, as before hinted, removed into this Ile or Vestry, and the said Ile given to the *Chetwode* Family, so far as it now belongs wholly to them. The old Parish Church of *St. Martin* stood near to their Manor House, about a Quarter of a Mile East from the Priory Church.

But I return to the farther Description of the present Parish Church, (which is contiguous to the Priory House, now the Seat of the *Risleys*) and is in Length 58 Foot, and in Breadth about 25. At the West End is a small Tower with a ridged tyled Roof, built about the Year 1583, in Queen *Elizabeth's* Time, when it was contracted and shortened about 40 Foot, and the West Part pulled down, (as appears by a Plan in my Possession) and a Wall run a-cross, and the small present Tower erected, in which are two Bells, the biggest whereof has this Inscription on it in old Characters, *De tibi Christe dabit J. Chetwode quem peramabat*. This Bell is by Tradition said to have been brought from *St. Martin's*, the old Parish Church. The South cross Ile is said to be taken into the Patron, Mr. *Risley's* House, about the Year 1582, when, on some Dispute with the Parishioners, a Chancery Suit was threatened, on Account of Mr. *Risley's* pretending the Priory Church was his sole Property, and that it was in his Power to debar the Parishioners the Use of it.

On the North Side in the Church-yard was, as in the Plan, an Antique Cross, and a Well. Where the West End is now, was a Partition of Timber, and the Church formerly extended equal with the farther Range of Mr. *Risley's* Stable. The whole Fabrick is leaded, and the upper End, viz. the Chancel or Choir Part, is very decent, being adorned with an elegant East Window, in which are some Portraits of Saints and Bishops in painted Glass, but not to be made out, except that one is of *St. Nicholas*, and another of the Virgin *Mary*. In the said Window is also the Arms of *England*, viz. *Three Lyons passant*, as born at the Time of the Foundation of this Priory. (this Church having never been since rebuilt,) at Bottom is the Effigies of *St. Peter*.

Before the Communion Rails are three or four old Grave-stones, laid, no doubt, over some of the Priors; but hewn smooth on new paving and ornamenting the Church. The upper Parts of these are Lids, as I am informed,

formed, to Stone Coffins, within which Coffins the Persons interred, were on opening them, found to be wrapped in Leather. On the North Side the Communion Rails, is an old Grave-stone which had a Brass Effigy on it, of a Woman seemingly, which was laid there, as I guess, since it was made parochial, Anno 1480. A new Floor of Stone has been laid over a damp one of Brick, by the present Patron Mr. Risley. The Inscriptions remaining here, Anno 1734, are only these of the Family of Risley.

On the North Side the Chancel Wall, a black Marble, enshafed with free Stone Mantlings, which bears this Inscription,

“ Mary the Daughter of Paul Risley of Chetwode, in the County of Bucks, Esq. and Dorothy his Wife, resteth here among her Ancestors. She was stedfast in the Faith of CHRIST crucified, which was enlivened with all Christian Virtues. She died at Langley, in the Parish of Sutton Cosfield, in August 1668, in the 65th Year of her Age.”

On three black Warwickshire Stones, on the Pavement in the Chancel, these Inscriptions:

On the first these Arms, Risley; *A Fesse between 3 Crescents*; impaling Temple, viz. *Argent on two Barrs sable 6 Martlets*. Underneath this:

“ Here lyeth the Body of John Risley Esq. late of this Parish, who married Christian Daughter of Sir Peter Temple of Stow, in the County of Bucks, Knight and Baronet. He had Issue by her only one Daughter, Margaret, who dyed in her Infancy. He departed this Life the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, Anno 1682, in the 46<sup>th</sup> Year of his Age.

“ Paulus Risley, Generosus, Impensis suis Monumentum posuit.

On the 2d the same Arms in a Lozenge, viz. Risley, and this Inscription:

“ Here lyeth in Expectation of a joyful Resurrection, the Body of Christian Risley, Widow, late Wife of John Risley Esq. She died in the Parish of St. Giles in the Town of Northampton, the 11th Day of March 1705, in the 70 Year of her Age.”

On another Stone these Arms, *A Bend engrailed, charged with three Fleurs de Lis*, impaling Risley, as before, viz. *A Fess inter three Crescents*. Underneath this;

“ Here lyeth, expecting a joyful Resurrection, the Body of Susan, one of the Daughters of Thomas Risley, of Chetwode Esq. late the Wife of Ralph Holt, of Stoke Lyne, in the County of Oxford Esq. who departed this mortal Life the 19th of March 1660. Leaving behind her one only Daughter.

“ R. H. Charissimus Maritus Impensis suis posuit.

On a Lozenge, this Inscription:

“ Here lyeth in Expectation of a joyful Resurrection, the Body of Elizabeth Risley, Widow, late Wife of Henry Risley, Esq. She died in the Parish of St. Martin, Ludgate, London, the 31st Day of March Anno 1717, in the 77th Year of her Age, leaving behind her one Son and two Daughters.

On another,

" *Mary Risley* lies here in firm Hope of a joyful Resurrection.

On another, *Brewer* impaling *Risley*, viz. *Two Bends Vairi, in Chief Vairi*; and this Inscription,

" Here lyeth, in Expectation of a joyful Resurrection, the Body of

" *Frances*, one of the Daughters of *Henry Risley* of *Chetwode* Esq. and

" *Elizabeth* his Wife, and late Wife of *Thomas Brewer*, Stationer.

" She departed this mortal Life the 8th of *February* in the Year 1727,

" aged 42 Years, leaving Issue one only Son.

On another,

" In Memory of Mrs. *Dorothy Risley Waller*, the beloved Sister of the

" Reverend *Columna John Macbell*. She dyed *July 15*, 1720, aged

" 27 Years. *Gulielmus Docwra defunctæ amicissimus posuit.*

The Register begins *Anno 1583*, 25 *Eliz*, out of which I took these Entries.

### MARRIAGES.

Mr. *Tobias Chancy* and Mrs. *Elizabeth Risley*, *Anno 1587*.

*William Offley* and *Jane Risley*, *Anno 1602*.

Mr. *George Pudsey* and *Anne Risley*, *Anno 1624*.

*Ralph Holte*, Esq. and *Susan Risley*, *Anno 1659*.

### BIRTHS and BAPTISMS.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of Mr. *Richard Chetwode*, *Sep. 17*, 1583.

*Anne*, Daughter of *Paul Risley*, *Anno 1598*.

*Peter*, Son of *Paul Risley*, *Anno 1607*.

*John*, Son of Mr. *Richard Chetwode*, *Anno 1615*.

*Thomas*, Son of Mr. *Richard Chetwode*, *Anno 1620*.

*John*, Son of Mr. *Thomas Risley*, *Anno 1636*.

*Knightley* Son of Mr. *Valentine Chetwode*, and *Mary* his Wife 29 *Oct.* 1650.

N. B. He was afterwards Dean of *Gloucester*.

*Margaret* Daughter of *John* and *Christian Risley*, *Anno 1662*.

*Touchet Chetwode* Esq. eldest Son of Sir *John Chetwode* and the Lady *Mary* his Wife, baptized at *Hinwick* in *Berks*, 6 *Aug.* 1700.

N. B. This was entered here by Sir *John Chetwode*'s own Direction, for it bears no Relation to this Parish Register.

### BURIALS.

*Jane* Wife of *William Risley*, *Anno 1584*.

Mr. *John Chetwode*, *August 17*, *Anno 1586*.

Mr. *William Risley*, *Feb. 4*, *Anno 1602*.

The Lady *Elizabeth Chancy*, *Feb. 25*, *Anno 1618*.

Mr. *Paul Risley*, *April 7*, *Anno 1626*.

Mrs.

Mrs. Susan Holte, March 21, Anno 1660.

Thomas Risley Esq. April 22, Anno 1671.

John Risley Esq. 27 March, Anno 1672.

## EDGE COTE,

**I**S so denominated from its Situation, viz. from *Edge*, *Acies*; and *Cote*, *Habitatio*; i. e. a Dwelling on the Side of a Hill. In *Doomsday-Book* it is thus surveyed:

*Terra Walteri Giffard in Rovelai Hundred.*

Radulfus tenet de Walterio Achecote; pro v hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt ii; et x Villani, cum ix Bordariis habentibus vi Carucas. Ibi ii Servi. Pratum ii Carucatarum. Silva c Porcorum. In totis Valentiis valet et valuit semper c s. —

Hoc Manerium tenuere iv Teigni. Horum unus Alwini habet ii Hidas et dimidium pro uno Manerio, et alter Edwinis i Hidam et i Virgatam pro uno Manerio; et Alanus dimidium Hidae; et Thori, Huscarle Regis Edwardi, iii Virgatas. Omnes vero vendere potuerunt.

Ralph holds Achecote of Walter Giffard. It was taxed at v Hides. The Arable is viii Carucates. There are ii in Demesne; and x Copyholders and ix Cottagers having vi Carucates. There are ii Servants; Meadow for ii Carucates; Mast for c Hogs. It is worth in the whole, and always was valued at c s.

Four Thanes or Knights held this Manor. One was *Alwin's* Thane; who held ii Hides and a Half for one Manor; and another *Edwin's*, who held one Hide and one Yard Land for a Manor; and *Almar* half a Hide; and *Thori*, a Domestick Servant of King *Edward's*, held iii Yard Lands. But all these could sell their Parts.

This *Walter Giffard*, who was, as mentioned in *Akeley*, a near Relation to the Conqueror, and by him made Earl of *Buckingham*, dying Anno 1103, 3 *Hen. I.*, was succeeded by *Walter* his Son, who bestowed *inter alia* on the Priory of *Newnton Longueville*\*, (of his Father's Foundation) the Tenth of his Demesnes at *Edgcote*. He died Anno 1164, 10 *Hen. II.* (without Issue,) in which Reign the *Englefields* (as seems to me,) were in Possession of Lands here, which they held of the Honour of *Giffard*; and were, as I judge, feodary Tenants to this Earl *Walter* the second, who having, Anno 1162, 8 *Hen. II.* founded *Nutley* alias *Crendon* Abbey, *Alan de Englefield*† became a Benefac-

\* *Monasticon*, Vol. iii. p. 111.

† See *Collins's Baronetage*, Vol. i. p. 391.

tor thereto, as his Ancestors had been to the Abbey of *Reading*, in the Founder, *Henry* the first's Reign, they being then seated at *Englefield* Co. *Berks*, and, as I presume, Lords of that Place, as they were also of *Edgcote*, *Temp. Hen. III.* For in the Fines *Anno 1243*, 27 *Hen. III.*, I meet with *William de Englefield* possessed of Lands here, (and that he held a Knight's Fee *Anno 1224* <sup>de honor. C. 11. 2</sup> *doonere*) who had Issue Sir *John Englefield*, Father to Sir *Roger*, who was returned one of the Knights of the County of *Berks*, <sup>1</sup> *Anno 1313*, 6 *Edw. II.*, and dying in the Time of *Edw. III.*, left Issue Sir *Philip Englefield*, who had Issue *John de Englefield*, who dying about the Year 1368, 42 *Edw. III.*, left this Manor in Dower to *Isabell* his Wife, who afterwards marrying with *Thomas Priour*, he in her Right possessed it, as did her third Husband *John Wodevyle* in the Reign of *Richard II.* <sup>2</sup> But on her Death about the Year 1418, 6 *Hen. V.*, it reverted to the Heirs of *Englefield*, and *Anno 1420*, 8 *Hen. V.*, was possessed by Sir *Philip Englefield* <sup>3</sup>, whose Grandson Sir *Thomas Englefield* held it in the Time of *Edw. IV.*, *Hen. VII.*, and *Hen. VIII.*, and dying *Anno 1514*, 5 *Hen. VIII.*, was buried with his Ancestors at *Englefield*, Co. *Berks* <sup>4</sup>, having been Speaker of the House of Commons *Anno 1509*, 1 *Hen. VIII.*, being then returned one of the Knights for the County of *Berks*. His Successor was *Thomas Englefield*, who was High Sheriff of *Oxfordshire* and *Berkshire* <sup>5</sup>, *Anno 1520*, 11 *Hen. VIII.*, and became afterwards knighted, and one of his Majesty's Justices of the Common Pleas, and died seized thereof 28 *Sep.* 1540, 30 *Hen. VIII.*, as the Inquisition sets forth, which mentions that this his Manor of *Edgcote* was held of the King as of the Dukedom of *Buckingham*, paying yearly a Pair of gilt Spurs, or 6 *d.* <sup>6</sup>; and that his Son and Heir *Francis* was 15 Years old, which *Francis*, afterwards knighted, being a zealous *Roman Catholick*, and of the Privy Council to Queen *Mary*, and reputed an Enemy to Queen *Elizabeth* on Account of Religion, when she ascended the Throne, falling under her Displeasure, and being attainted, had this his Manor of *Edgcote* seized on by the Queen, who by Letters Patent, dated *Sep.* 25, 1588, *Anno Regni* 30, granted it to *Thomas Compton*, *Robert Wright*, and *Gelly Merrick* in Fee for ever, to be held in Socage, of the Manor of *East Greenwich*. In the Patent it is called the Estate of Sir *Francis Englefield*, attainted. But in this Grant there being no Mention of the Advowson of the Church, I find there was made out a second Grant, in which was included the Advowson, and also all the Lands of the said Sir *Francis Englefield*, particularly those he had purchased of the *Pigots*. This is dated *Oct.* 29, *Anno 1601*, 43 *Elizabeth*, and recited to be in Consideration of 712 *l.* 9 *s.* 2 *d.* paid by *Robert Wright* and *Henry May*, and so was confirmed to them, and their Heirs and Assigns, for ever, in which it is recited to have been the Estate, &c. of the *Englefields*, *Habendum* for ever, with the Advowson, to hold of the Manor of *East Greenwich* in Socage by Fealty only; which said *Robert Wright* and

<sup>1</sup> *Pryn's Brevia Parliamentaria.*

<sup>5</sup> *Vide Escheat. et Institut. Regist. Lincoln.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ex Genealogia in Collins's Baronetage.*

<sup>6</sup> *Vide Antiq. of Berks, by Ashmole.*

<sup>3</sup> *Fuller's Worthies.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ex Inquisitionibus.*

*Henry May*, very soon after conveyed all their Right, Title, and Interest to Sir *William Dormer* and Sir *John Dormer*, who occur possessed thereof *Anno* 1607, 9 *Jac.* I. And in this Family of the *Dormers*, this Manor and Advowson remained from 1607, 9 *Jac.* I, aforesaid, 'till about *Anno* 1716, when it was sold by *John Dormer* of *Rowsham* Esq. to Sir *Samuel Garth*, Doctor in Physick, and so came by Marriage of the Daughter of the said Sir *Samuel Garth*, (who died *January* 19, 1719) to the Family of *Boyle*; and his Grandson *Henry Boyle* Esq; his said Daughter's Son, is, *Anno* 1735, the present Lord of the Manor, and Patron of this Church, to which, *viz.* the Manor, the Advowson has ever continued appendant, except from *Anno* 1588, 30 *Elizabeth*, to 1601, 43 *Elizabeth*.

A Pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* as antiently appertaining to the Priory of *Newton Longueville*, is paid out of this Church to *New College* in *Oxford*.

This Parish is bounded East by *Quainton*, North by *Iwiford*, West by *Mersb Gibbon*, and South by *Grendon Underwood*.

The Church of *Edgecote*, which is dedicated to St. *Michael*, consists of a Body, which is leaded, and Chancel, which is tyled; at the West End is a low embattelled Tower, in which hang 3 Bells. The Rectory is valued at 11*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* for First-fruits in the Taxation made *Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII, *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I. it was rated at five Marks, deducting the Pension of half a Mark paid to the Prior of *Newton Longueville*, now belonging to *New College* as aforesaid. The clear Value of the Living was given in at 67*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* in *Queen Ann's* Time, being almost the same Sum as the Parish stood rated *Anno* 1712, to the Land Tax, that being only 67*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*

Here are 20 Families and 80 Souls as returned *Anno* 1712, in an Account to the Bishop of *Lincoln*, and that there was then Nothing left to any Charities in this Parish. When I visited this Church *Anno* 1729, there was no Inscription whatsoever, except this one on an ordinary Grave-stone in the Chancel,

“ *Thomas Watson* departed this Life the 12th of *February*, *Anno* Domini 1691.

The Register is antient: It beginning *Anno* 1539, 30 *Hen.* VIII, on the first Institution of Registers: but there is Nothing memorable in it, except the Entry of the Burial of *John Field*, *Henry Sleymaker*, and *Robert Rogers*, Rectors of the Parish, given in the Series of them.

The Terrier exhibited *Anno* 1680, 32 *Car* II. by *Robert Rogers*, Rector, sets forth,

The Parsonage House consisting of 4 Bays with an Orchard and Stable, and an Hay Barn and Yard for Cattle.

In the upper Field, 25 Ridges of Arable, and 5 Leas and 7 Yards of Grass.

In the middle Field 43 Ridges and 5 Leas and 4 Yards of Grass.

In the lower Field, 36 Ridges 13 Leas and 7 Yards of Grass.

And the Sooles belonging to it for a Yard Land and a Half.

Six Cows Commons, and 60 Sheeps Commons in the Field.

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The Names of the Rectors are as follow, from the Registers of *Lincoln*.

*Robert de Botiler* dyed Anno 1290, 18 *Edw. I.*

*Andrew de Englefield* succeeded Nov. 17, Anno 1290, 18 *Edw. I.*

*John Walchin* of *Brightwell*, was instituted on the Death of *Andrew de Englefield*, on the Presentation of *Roger de Englefield*, 2 Aug. Anno 1296, 24 *Edw. I.*

*William de Englefield* last Rector resigned 1325, and was succeeded by

*John Bylt* or *Byule* of *Twyford*, instituted on the Presentation of *Philip de Englefield*, 10 Cal. Oct. 1325, 18 *Edw. II.* He was also Rector of *Dunton* in *Essex*. He exchanged this Rectory for *North Farnbridge* in the County of *Essex*, with

*Richard Murimuth*, Calend. Febr. Anno 1331, 5 *Edw. III.*

*Hugh de Castell* was instituted 15 Cal. April. Anno 1333, 7 *Edw. III.* on the Resignation of *Murimuth* on the Presentation of Sir *Philip de Englefeild* Knight.

*Robert de Herewyche* was presented 3 Non. April. Anno 1338, 12 *Edw. III.* on the Resignation of *Hugh de Castell* by *Philip de Englefeild*.

*Hugh de Brenton* exchanged it for *St. Nicholas* Rectory in *Hereford* City, Anno 1351, 25 *Edw. III.* with *John de Gloucester*, and he was instituted Cal. Aug. Anno 1351, 25 *Edw. III.* He resigned it, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Zoughe* or *Zoucbe* presented by *John Englefeild*, 2 Nov. April. Anno 1362, *Edw. III.* on the Resignation of *John* the last Rector.

*Thomas Tayllcure*, who no doubt succeeded *Zouch*, resigned Anno 1371, 45 *Edw. III.* and was succeeded by

*Thomas Chorlogb* instituted Oct. 17, Anno 1371, 45 *Edw. III.* on the Presentation of *Thomas Priour* Lord of *Achbecote*. He exchanged it for *Mayne-Martel* or *Broadmain* in Com. *Dorset* with

*John Coleman*, and he became instituted Dec. 4, Anno 1383, 6 *Ric. II.* on the Presentation of *Isabell* Wife of Sir *Thomas Priour* Knight.

*William Godeleston* was presented on *Coleman's* Resignation, who had exchanged it for *Hardwick-Ardeley* Rectory Co. *Oxford*, Mar. 4 following, the same Year, 1383, 6 *Ric. II.*

*William Bellingden* succeeded Dec. 10, Anno 1386, 9 *Ric. II.* being presented by *John Wodemyle* and *Isabell Priour* his Wife

*Hugh Sturdy* succeeded, being presented by *Isabell Priour*, and instituted Anno 1413, 1 *Hen. V.* on the Resignation of *William Bellingden*.

*Stephen Smith* succeeded Feb. 8, Anno 1424, 2 *Hen. VI.* on the Presentation of *Philip Englefeild* Esq. on the Death of *Sturdy*.

*William Boucher* was instituted 28 June, Anno 1470, 10 *Edw. IV.* on the Death of *Stephen Smith*, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefeild*. I presume his Name was also *Silkston*, for I find

*William Ayle* presented May 3, Anno 1483, 22 *Edw. IV.* on the Death of *William Silkston*, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefeild*. He died Anno 1485, 2 *Ric. III.* and was succeeded by *Robert*

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*Robert Snowe* instituted Oct. 25, Anno 1485. 2 Ric. III, on the Death of *William Ayle*, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefield*.

*Robert Harbord* LL.B. succeeded, and was instituted Mar. 8, 1504, 19 Hen. VII, on the Resignation of *Snow*, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefield*. He held it not long; for his Successor,

*Michael Todde*, died Rector here Anno 1507, 22 Hen. VII, and was succeeded by

*William Atkinson*, instituted June 27, Anno 1507, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefield*, Esquire. He resigned Anno 1511, 2 Hen. VIII, and was succeeded by

*John Man*, instituted May 27, 1511, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefield*, Esquire. He resigned Anno 1527, and was succeeded by

*Edmund Linney*, instituted June 8, Anno 1527, on the Presentation of *Thomas Englefield*, Esq. He died Anno 1559, 1 Eliz. and was succeeded by

*William Lewes*, instituted March 3, 1559, on *Linney's* Death, on the Presentation of Sir *Francis Englefield*, Knight.

*John Felde* succeeded, being instituted May 30, Anno 1564, 6 Eliz. on the Presentation of Sir *Francis Englefield*, Kt. He died, and was buried here March 29, 1609, without any Memorial, and was succeeded by

*Henry Sleymaker*, instituted August 21, 1609, 7 Jac. I, on the Presentation of Sir *William* and Sir *John Dormer*, Kts. He was buried here Aug. 29, Anno 1624, 22 Jac. I. After him one

*Richard Altwood* became Rector, Anno 1625, as it seems to me; whose Successor, as I presume, was

*Hugh Hart*; for I meet with him styled Minister here, Anno 1650, when this Rectory was returned to be of the Yearly Value of 60*l*. After him

*Thomas Rogers* occurs Rector, Anno 1660, as does

*Robert Rogers*, Anno 1663. But when he or his Predecessors (*inter* 1624 et 1663,) were instituted, or who presented them, I have not discovered. As to *Robert Rogers*, he died, and was buried here June 13, 1685, and succeeded by

*Thomas Mason*, A. M. instituted June 24, 1685, on the Presentation of *John Smith* of *Brill*, no doubt by Purchase of this Turn from the Family of *Dormer*. He died 1729 at *Ludgarshall*, where he resided, and was succeeded by

*Joseph Slade*, A. M. instituted Feb. 14, 1729, on the Presentation of *Henry Boyle*, Esq. and he is, Anno 1735, the present Rector.

## F O X C O T E,

**D**ERIVES its Name from *Fox* and *Cote*, *i.e.* the Habitation or Place of Foxes. In *Doomsday Book* it is thus surveyed:

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis, in Stodfield Hundred.*

*Turstinus tenet de Episcopo Foxcote, pro vi Hidas se defendebat. Terra est iv Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt ii, et unus Villanus cum ii Bordariis, habentibus ii Carucas; ibi i Servus, et Pratum iv Carucatarum. Silva xc Porcorum. Vales et semper valuit iii Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Leif, Teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

*Turstin* holds of the Bishop of *Baijeux, Foxcote*; it was rated at six Hides. The Arable is four Carucates; two are in Demesne. There is one Copyholder and two Cottagers having two Ploughs; there is one Servant, and Meadow sufficient to the two Ploughs, and Mast for ninety Hogs. It is worth, and always was worth iii l.

*Leif*, King *Edward's* Thane or Knight, held this Manor, and could sell it.

This Bishop of *Baijeux*, (as has already been shewn) being *Anno* 1088 dispossessed of his large Revenues, many of these were obtained by his Feodary Tenants; one of the chief of which was this *Turstin*, surnamed *de Girun*, who also held *Dunton* Lordship of the Bishop; and tho' *Dunton* remained in the *Girun* Family *Tempore Hen. III.*, yet this of *Foxcote* became alienated *Temp. Ric. I.*; for I find it was passed away by *Hamunde de Girunde*<sup>a</sup>, to *Walter de la Haia*, *Anno* 1198; which *Walter* presented his Clerk to this Church, *Anno* 1220<sup>b</sup>, as did *Stephen de la Haia* 1253, and 1277<sup>c</sup>; to whom, I presume, succeeded *John de la Haia*, who was High Sheriff of this County, and that of *Bedford*, *Anno* 1318<sup>d</sup>, and the next Year was returned one of the Knights of *Buckinghamshire*, to serve in Parliament<sup>e</sup>; but I suppose died soon after, and left this Manor in Dower to *Agnes* his Wife, (who seems to have been remarried to *Robert Kinne*; for *Anno* 1333, *Robert Kinne* and *Agnes* his Wife, presented to this Church<sup>f</sup>;) after whose Death, which happened *Anno* 1326, I presume *Thomas de la Hay* held it, who was, *Anno* 1336, elected one of the Knights of this Shire<sup>g</sup>; but on Failure of Issue Male of this Family, it seems to have come by Marriage of the Heiress of *de la Hay* to *Alan Ayote*, Lord of *Shalfston*<sup>h</sup>. For *Anno* 1382 he presented a Clerk to this Church, and *Anno* 1384 became one of the Knights of this County; but this *Alan*, who occurs possessed hereof *Anno* 1400, leaving Issue an only Daughter, named *Margery*, she brought this Manor, together with that of

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Fin. 9 Ric. I. n. 34.

<sup>b</sup> Registro Lincoln.

<sup>c</sup> Ibid.

<sup>d</sup> Fuller's Worthies.

<sup>e</sup> Prynn's Brevia Parliamentar.

<sup>f</sup> Ex Institutionibus Archid. Bucks.

<sup>g</sup> Vide Prynn ut supra:

<sup>h</sup> Ex Institutionibus Archid. Bucks.

*Shalfston,*

*Sbalston*<sup>1</sup>, to her Husband *William Purefoy* of *Shirford*, in the County of *Warwick*, Ancestor to the present Family of that Name, now living at *Sbalston*, who occurs possessed of both Manors, *Anno* 1418, and also *Anno* 1457 Patron of both Churches; and continued seized thereof till the Year 1464, when he suffered a Fine and Recovery hereof<sup>2</sup>; I presume on the Marriage of his eldest Son *Philip Purefoy*, for Dowry of his Wife, which *Philip* dying *Anno* 1466, willed to be buried in the Church of *St. James* at *Badfley Clinton*, in the County of *Warwick*<sup>3</sup>; and was there interred accordingly, with this Epitaph on his Grave-stone:

*Hic jacet Philippus Purefoy, Armiger, Filius et Heres Willielmi Purefoy, de Shirford, in Com. Warwick Armigeri; qui obiit 16 Die Mensis Septembris, A. D. 1466, ejus Animæ propitiatur Deus.*

On the Stone, which has been long since defaced, was his Effigies in Armour, in Brass.

He left three Sons, viz. *John*, *Nicholas* and *William*, all which dying young, *Nicholas* Son to *John* their Uncle, became Heir to the Estate at *Sbalston*; tho' *Anno* 1477, *Richard Fowler* is said to die seized of this Manor, but I suppose he had it in Mortgage, or as Guardian to *Purefoy's* Children, whose Mother *Isabel* (Daughter of *John Brome* of *Badfley Clinton* afore said) remarrying *Anno* 1472, with *John Denton* of *Blackiborn*, in Co. *Oxon*, he became possessed of and died *Anno* 1497 or 1498, seized of this Manor and Advowson<sup>4</sup>; having obtained it from the *Purefoys*, as appears by his last Will and Testament, in which he bequeathed "it to *Isabel* his Wife, (by "whom he had a numerous Issue) living sole or unmarried, and ordered "that she should find *Thomas Denton*, his younger Son (afterwards the "Lord of *Hillesden*) during his Nonage out of this Manor, and that the "Residue should go to pray for his Soul, and his Brother-in-law *Philip "Purefoy's*, and his Father and Mother's Souls," and made the said *Isabel* his Executrix, who survived him above Forty Years, and died possessed hereof, about the Year 1540; when it descending to his eldest Son *John Denton*, he was *Anno* 1544, on a forced Exchange, obliged to give it up to *Hen. VIII*<sup>5</sup>; and in Lieu thereof to accept of *Ambrosden* Manor and Advowson, Parcel of *Burcester* Priory, and *Nuns Place* in *Burcester*, Parcel of *Margate* Nunnery Possessions. And so it coming to the Crown, it was, *Anno* 1557 by Letters Patent of *Philip* and *Mary*, dated *April* 27, for 398 l. 18 s. 8 d<sup>6</sup>. conveyed in Fee, to *Thomas Smith*, and his Heirs in Perpetuity, in which Grant it is recited, to have been annex'd to the Honour of *Grafton*, and to have been late Part of the Possessions of *John Denton*, Esq: Which *Thomas Smith*, as I find by the Inquisition taken on his Death, died seized hereof, *Sept. 1*, 1557, the same Year as he obtained this Estate, leaving *Edward Smith* his Son and Heir, a Minor of Nine Years old, who

<sup>1</sup> Ex Genealogia Fam. de *Purefoy*.  
Testamentis et Dugd. Antiq. *Warwick*.  
*Anno* 34. *Hen. VIII*.

<sup>2</sup> Fines Co. *Bucks*, An. 4. *Edw. IV*, p. 9.  
<sup>3</sup> Ex Testamento in Curia prerogativ.  
<sup>4</sup> Ibid. viz. Patents An. 4 & 5 *Phil. & Mar.*

<sup>5</sup> Ex  
<sup>6</sup> Pat.

dying *Anno* 1573, it seems to have come in Marriage with his Sister or next Kinswoman to *Marmaduke Cleaver*, for he occurs possessed hereof *Anno* 1574, the Year after *Edward Smith's* Death; and died seized thereof, *Anno* 3 *Jac.* I, 1605, as I find by the Inquisition, leaving *Matthew Cleaver* his Son and Heir, who held it from 1605 to 1611 or 1612, when it descended to *John Cleaver*. But the *Cleavers* Issue Male failing in this Branch, it came in Marriage to the *Philips*, with the Widow of *Cleaver*, viz. *Jane* Daughter of *George Tyrell* of *Thornnton*, Esq. who was first married to *Matthew Cleaver*, and afterwards to *John Philips*, who being settled here in *Cleaver's* Life Time, and being in full Possession of the Estate, inclosed the same, *Anno* 1624, and having Issue by a former Wife an only Daughter named *Frances*, born here *Anno* 1608<sup>p</sup>, it came in Marriage with her to *Randal Hunt*, who died and was buried here *Anno* 1657.—But having mortgaged his Estate very deeply to *Edward Grenville*, a younger Son of the Family of *Wotton*, he the said *Randal Hunt* was forced to give it up, several Years before his Death<sup>q</sup>, and make, *Anno* 1639, a Conveyance thereof to the said *Edward Grenville*, who *Anno* 1635, having married *Ethelreda* or *Audley*, Daughter of *John Duncombe* of *East Claydon*, Esq. settled here<sup>r</sup>; and *Anno* 1656 (as appears by the Date) re-edified, for the most Part, the Manor House, and dying *Anno* 1661, was here buried, leaving Issue two Sons, viz. *Edward*, who died at *Oxford*, *December* 13, soon after his Father, 1661<sup>s</sup>, and *George*, who dying also unmarried in *June* 1693, this Estate by Intail descended to the Issue of his elder Brother, and is now, *Anno* 1735, the Property of *Richard Grenville* of *Wotton*, Esquire, Member of Parliament for the County Town of *Buckingham*, who is the present Lord of the Manor and Patron of the Church.

The Advowson has always continued appendant to the Manor.

This Parish is bounded South by *Moreton*, West by *Stow*, North by *Akeley*, and East by *Leckampsted* and *Thornborough*, and contains about 600 or 700 Acres.

The Church here consists of a Body, and Chancel, which are tyled; at the West End is a small Wooden Turret rough cast, supported by the Walls and Roof of the Church. In the Turret (which is covered with Lead) hang two small Bells.—The Feast follows *November* 6, *St. Leonard's Day*, and the Church is dedicated to that Saint.

Here are no Monuments or Inscriptions whatsoever, except these two ordinary Stones in the Chancel. The first of which has on a Plate of Brass, this Inscription fixt on the Stone:

“ Hic jacet *Edwardus Grenville*, Filius natus tertius *Richardi Grenville*,  
 “ Armigeri, de *Wotton Underwood*, in hoc Comitatu *Bucks*, qui natus  
 “ fuit 12 Die *Septembris* 1614, denatus 17 Die *Aprilis* 1661.”

<sup>p</sup> Ex Informatione Rectoris de *Foxcote*.  
 his Account of the *Temple* Family, vol. i. p. 283.  
 Supplement, ut antea.

<sup>q</sup> Vide *Collins's* Supplement to the Peerage, in  
 Ex Regist. de *East Claydon*.  
<sup>s</sup> *Collins's*

Underneath which, are these Arms, viz. *A Cross, charged with five Torteauxes.*

The second is on a Stone, within the Communion Rails; and has this Inscription on it:

“ Here lies interred the Body of *Richard Major*, Gentleman, and of  
 “ *Anne* his Wife. He departed this Life *August 11, A. D. 1705,*  
 “ aged 81. She departed this Life *March 9, 1706, aged 72.*”

This was by the present Rector laid over his Father and Mother.

The Rectory was rated *Anno 1534, 26 Hen. VIII,* at 9 *l.* 9 *s.* 4 *d.*  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the King's Books, and the real Value was returned *Anno 1712,* to be 72 *l.* when this Parish paid to the Land Tax 67 *l.* 11 *s.* 9 *d.* Here were then 10 Families and 60 Souls, and no Charities left to Church or Poor.

The Terrier of the Parsonage, *Oct. 19, 1639, James Stilton* Rector.

The dwelling House having three Rooms, a Parlour, Kitchen and Dairy, all lofted, three Chambers over them. A Barn, containing three Bays, and a Stable adjoining to the Barn; an Hay House set upon Posts in the Ground, with a Yard containing one Rood, with a Kiln House standing at the upper End of the Yard, with a little Garden Plat, and Court near to the Dwelling House. Pasture, an Orchard adjoining to the said House, containing half an Acre; an enclosed Ground abutting on the said Close or Orchard, containing eight Acres, the Land of *George Grenville*, Esq. South and East.—Pasture and Arable 14 Acres; in an enclosed Ground called *Cutter's Peice*: Meadow two Acres and an Half, called *Bowbridge* Meadow. Arable and Meadow in *Maidsmorton* Parish, one Acre of Arable abutting on the enclosed Ground in *Foxcote*, one Acre of Meadow at the upper End of *Maidsmorton* Deep, the River *South*, one Acre and a Pole, and an half of Meadow in *Maidsmorton* middle Meadow, the River *South*.

The NAMES of the RECTORS from the Registers of Lincoln, are as follow:

*Robert* the Chaplain was presented *Anno 1220,* by *Sir Walter de la Hay*, Kt. to the Church of *Foxcote*.

*Eustace de Rochford*, was presented *Anno 1253,* by *Stephen de Hay*:

*Thomas Fitz Gilbert*, was instituted *Anno 1277,* on the Death of *Eustace*, being presented by *Stephen de la Hay*; the next that occurs is

*William de Malesovers*. He exchanged it, *Anno 1320,* with

*Nicholas de Lyons*, 2 *Non. March 1323,* for *Begebrook*; and he the said *Lyons* became presented by *Robert Kinne*, and *Agnes* his Wife.

*Thomas de St. Lys* was presented by *Agnes de la Hays*, on the Resignation of *Nicholas Lyons*, and instituted 3 *Id. Sept. 1332.* After him

*Adam de la Mare* occurs Rector, *Anno 1340.* The next I find is,

*John Smith*. He exchanged it for *St. Michael's Northgate, Oxford, Anno 1382,* with

*John Drax*, Jan. 26, 1382, and he, viz. *Drax*, became presented to it by *Alan Ayette*, Lord of *Foxcote*. He held it not long, for

*William Ailtorp*, became presented March 23, 1384, on the Resignation of *John Drax*, alias *Cowper*, on the Presentation of *Alan Ayette*.

*John Barton* of *Thornborough*, succeeded, and became instituted Jan. 3, 1390, on the Death of *William de Ailtorp*, on the Presentation of *Alan Ayette*, Lord of *Foxcote*.

*Robert de Pitchecote* succeeded on *Barton's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Alan Ayette*, Lord of *Foxcote*, and was admitted 5 Feb. 1393.

*John Gawcote* succeeded, and was instituted August 28, 1400, on the Presentation of *Alan Ayette*, Lord of *Foxcote*. The next I find is

*Walter Hopton*. He held it Anno 1437; and the next I meet with, is

*John Wattes*, on whose Resignation

*William Reese*, became instituted Feb. 21, 1457, on the Presentation of *William Purefoy*, Esquire; his Successor was

*Robert Ormesby*, collated by the Bishop July 1, 1461, not said how vacant, but no doubt the Bishop presented *per Lapsum*.

*Robert Tymson* succeeded, being instituted August 1, 1479, on the Death of *Ormesby*, on the Presentation of *John Denton*, Esq. who had, Anno 1472, married the Widow of *Philip Purefoy*, Esq.

*Henry Boleyn* succeeded July 11, 1503, on the Presentation of *Isabel Denton*, Widow, on the Death of *Robert Tymson*.

*James Walton*, or *Welton*, succeeded, being instituted March 8, 1510, on the Death of *Henry Boleyn*, on the Presentation of *Isabel Denton*.

In *Welton's* Will, which is dated Anno 1558, he appointed to be buried here in the Chancel, before St. *Leonard's* Image: Anno 1526, I find it returned to the Bishop, (I suppose by *Welton*,) that *Isabell Denton* was Patroness by Reason of her Dower.

*Ralph Colys* succeeded, being instituted Jan. 11, 1558, on the Presentation of *Thomas More*, who had this Turn given him by *Thomas Langston*, and *Thomas Denton*, who had it given them by *John Denton* of *Blacktborn*, (I suppose *Thomas Denton's* eldest Brother after his Wife's Life.) He became presented to *Leckampstead*, Anno 1562, and also to *Tbornton*, and so quitted this, and was succeeded by

*John More*, instituted May 14, 1567, on the Queen's Presentation.

*David Powell* succeeded, being presented Nov. 19, 1574, by *Marmaduke Cleaver*. He occurs Rector Anno 1597.

*Richard Evans*, A. M. was presented January 20, 1601, by *Matthew Cleaver*.

*Robert Gray* succeeded, Anno 1608, but I have not his Presentation.

*James Stilton*, succeeded on *Robert Gray's* Resignation, being instituted July 22, 1612, on *John Cleaver's* Presentation. He was buried here, as appears by the Parish Register July, 31, 1656, and succeeded by

*Thomas Chesslin*, who occurs Rector Anno 1657; he was buried here Sept. 5, 1660.

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*Francis Hodson* succeeded, and was instituted *Dec. 24, 1660*, on the Presentation of *Edward Grenville, Esq.*

*William Waters* was instituted *March 30, 1665*, being also Vicar of *Buckingham*, where he died and was buried *8 May, 1672*, and succeeded by

*Samuel Pepys, A. M.* instituted *Nov. 4, 1672*, on the Presentation of *George Grenville, Esq.* He died and was buried at *Clifton, near Olney*, where he was Rector, *April 17, 1703*, and succeeded by

*Richard Major, A. B.* instituted *May 4, 1703*, on the Presentation of *John Major, Gent.* and he is the present Rector, *Anno 1736*,

The Parish Register begins about *1587*, and has only these memorable Entries, which I noted out of it.

*Marmaduke*, Son of *Matthew Cleaver*, baptized *1589*.

*Marmaduke Cleaver* buried *Anno 1595*. The same Person, no doubt.

*Frances*, Daughter of *John Philips, Esq.* baptized *Anno 1608*.

*Randal Hunt, Gent.* buried, *Aug. 13, 1657*.

*Thomas*, Son of *Sir Peter Tyrrell, Bart.* baptized *April 8, 1669*.

*N. B.* He succeeded his Father *Sir Peter Tyrrell*, in the Baronetship, but died in *May 1714*, in *Ireland*, without Issue Male; and so the Title became extinct.

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**S**IGNIFIES the *Woody* or *Downey Hill*, fit for Pasture; its Name being taken or derived from *Hills* and *Downs*. In *Doomsday Book* it is thus surveyed:

*Terra Comitiss Moreton, in Rovelai Hundred.*

*In Hlesdene tenet Radulphus de Comite i Hidam. Terra est i Carucate, et ibi est, cum iii Bordariis, Pratum i Carucat. Silva l Porcorum. Valet xxxs. quando recepit xii s. Hanc Terram tenuit Lewvinus, homo Alrici, filius Godini, et vendere potuit.*

*Ralph* holds of the Earl of *Morton* one Hide in *Hilsden*. The Arable is one Carucate, and it is there, with three Copyholders; there is Meadow for one Carucate; Mast for fifty Hogs. It is worth xxxs. when he received xii s. *Lewvinus, Alfricus's* Tenant, Son of *Godini*, held this Land, and could sell it.

*Terra Walteri Giffard in Rovelai Hundred.*

*In Hlesdene tenet Hugo de Walterio xviii Hidas pro i Manerio. Terra est xiv Carucatarum. In dominio sunt iv, et xvii Villani cum ix Bordariis, habentibus x Carucatas; ibi iv Servi, et i Molindinum de iv s. Pratum xiv Caru-*

*Hugh de Bolebec* holds of *Walter Giffard*, eighteen Hides in *Hillesden*, for one Manor. The Arable is fourteen Carucates, four are in Demesne. There are seventeen Copyholders and nine Cottagers, they have ten Carucates; there



*catarum. Silva c Porcorum. In totis valenciis valet vi l. quando recepit viii l. Et tantundem tempore Regis Edwardi.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Alricus, Teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

there are four Servants, and one Mill of 4s. Value, Meadow for 14 Carucates, Malt for 100 Hogs. In the whole Value, it is worth 6 l. when he received 8½ and as much in King Edward's Time.

*Alricus*, King Edward's Thane or Knight, held this Manor, and could sell it.

This *Walter Giffard* Lord of this Place, dying *Anno 1104*, was succeeded by his Son of both Names, viz. *Walter Giffard*, the second Earl of *Buckingham*, who founding *Nutley Abby*, endowed it with the Church of this Parish as appears by this memorable Charter, which not being printed in the *Monasticon*, I here insert.

“ Notum sit omnibus, &c. quod ego *Walterus Giffard*, Comes *Buckingham*<sup>a</sup>, assensu et consensu *Hugonis de Bolebec*, dedi et concessi, et hac presenti Carta mea confirmavi Domino et Ecclesie Sancte Marie de *Parco Crendon*, et Canonicis ibidem Deo ministrantibus, pro Salute anime mee, et *Ermingardis* Comitisse Sponsae mee, et pro animabus omnium Antecessorum et Successorum nostrorum, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam eleemosinam, Ecclesiam de *Hillesden*, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, in Bosco et in Plano, in Viis et Semitis, in Aquis et in Pratis, in Pasturis, in Introitibus et Exitibus, cum omnibus Libertatibus et liberis Consuetudinibus, infra Villa, et extra, liberam et quietam, et solutam ab omnibus Exactionibus et Consuetudinibus et Serviis secularibus. Hanc meam Donationem et Concessionem sicut liberam eleemosynam meam presenti Sero et Sigilli mei Appositione roboravi et confirmavi. Testes *Hugo de Bolebec*, *Gunfridus* filius *Willielmi*, *Guido de Rocheford*, &c.

This was *Anno 1162*, as in Bishop *Kennet's Parochial Antiquities*, who tells us, that *Anno 1195*, 6 Ric. I, *Aubrey de Vere* and *Isabell*, Daughter of *Walter de Bolebec*, his Wife, confirmed this Donation of *Walter Giffard's*<sup>b</sup>, viz of the Church of *Hillesden*, with all its Appurtenances, with Pasturage for their drawing Cattle, and 200 Acres of Pasture. And that *Constance*, Daughter of *Hugh de Bolebec*, Wife of *Elias de Beauchamp*, did with her Husband's Consent, give to *Nutley Abby*, that Croft in *Hillesden* which *Therold* held, making a solemn Oblation of it, on the Altar of the Church of *Hillesden*; and that *Hugh de Hodenche*, *Anno 1195*, 6 Ric. I, confirmed the Church of *Hillesden* to the Canons of *Notley*, with one Virgate of Land in *Hillesden*; which his Father *Hugh de Hodenche* gave to the Mother Church of *Hillesden* for a Chapel to be built upon his Land, at *Hillesden*, which was erected accordingly on a Piece of Land, still known by the Name of *Chapel Field*, where stood antiently a Chapel dedicated to St. Margaret, which lay a Mile distant from the Mother Church.

<sup>a</sup> Ex Collect. MSS. A. Wood. in Bibl. Ashmol. Oxon. and 155, and *Dugdale's Baronetage*, vol. i. p. 637, and 641.

<sup>b</sup> *Parochial Antiquities*, p. 118. <sup>c</sup> *Parochial Antiquities*, p. 155.

On this Earl *Walter's* dying, Anno 1164, 10 Hen. II, without Issue, his Feodary Tenant *Hugh de Bolebec* came into Possession of this Manor, and no doubt obtained the small Part that belonged to *Robert* Earl of *Moreton* and *Cornwall*, (King *William* the first's half Brother) whose Son became outed of all his Father's Possessions by King *Henry* the first, about the Year 1105.

Which *Hugh de Bolebec's* Son and Successor *Walter Bolebec*, leaving Issue only a Daughter and Heir named *Sibill* or *Isabel*, his great Estates came in Marriage with her, to *Robert de Vere*, the third Earl of *Oxford*<sup>d</sup>, and so passed into the Family of the *Courtenays*, Earls of *Devon*, by the Marriage of another Heirefs, named *Isabel de Vere*; for I find it was returned 2 *Edw.* I, Anno 1274, on the Death of *John Courtenay*, quod *Maneria de Hillesden & Wavenden data fuerunt Isabellæ, quæ fuit uxor prædicti Johannis de Courtenay, defuncti, in liberum Maritagium*, to the said *John de Courtenay*, who espoused her Temp. Hen. III; after which Marriage this Manor continued in the *Courtenay* Family, till the Attainder of *Thomas Courtenay*, Earl of *Devon*, Anno 1461, 1 *Edw.* IV, when that King, Anno 1465, gave to Sir *Walter Devereux*, Kt. *Hillesden* Manor with six Messuages, 100 Acres of Land, 10 of Meadow, 20 of Pasture, 20 of Wood, and 40 s. Rent there<sup>e</sup>, which came to the Crown by the Forfeiture of *Thomas Courtenay*. But he the said Sir *Walter Devereux*, being slain in the Battle of *Bosworth*, Anno 1485, 3 Ric. III, and the *Courtenays* being restored in Blood, repossessed this Manor, till their second Attainder, viz. of *Edward Courteney*, Marquis of *Exeter*, by King Hen. VIII, Anno 1539, by which it coming to the Crown, King *Edward* the VIth, by Letters Patent, dated August 2, 1547, in the first Year of his Reign, granted it, in Consideration of the Sum of 63 l. 6 s. 8 d. to *Thomas Denton*, Esq. and *Margaret* his Wife, of which Family (as the Compiler of this History lies under the highest Obligations imaginable to the present most worthy Possessor of this Manor, Anno 1735, viz. the Honourable Mr. Justice *Denton*) he begs Leave to digress, and speak more particularly at large concerning their Descent; forasmuch as they were not originally of this County, but antiently seated at a Place called by their Name (as Sir *Edmund Denton* informed me) in *Cumberland*, where they flourished many Generations in great Splendour, serving that County in the highest Offices and Honours, viz. in being Sheriffs thereof, and representing it in Parliament.

For Anno 10 *Edw.* III, and again Anno 24 of the same Reign, *Richard de Denton*; as appears in *Fuller's Worthies*, was High Sheriff of it: and Anno 46, and Anno 49 ejusdem Regis, *John de Denton* executed that honourable Office, which in those Days was esteemed of the highest Trust and Importance. The same *Richard* was also chosen Knight of the Shire in divers Parliaments, viz. 6, 7, 9, 11, 18, 24, 29, and 42, of *Edward* III<sup>f</sup>; and *John de Denton* represented the said County of *Cumberland* in Parliament, 46 and 50 *Edward* III, and again Anno 5 of *Richard* II, as did also a former *John Denton*, near 100 Years before, viz. Anno 35 *Edward* I.

<sup>d</sup> MSS. *Dodsworth*, *Dugdale's Baronage*, &c.

<sup>e</sup> Cart. & Pat. 5 *Edw.* IV, dated March 3.

<sup>f</sup> *Notitia Parliamentaria*, Vol. II.

Among the Gentry of *Cumberland* returned by the King's Commissioners, *Anno* 12 *Hen. VI*, 1433, we find in *Fuller's Worthies*, no less than three of this Family so termed, viz. *John* and *Adam de Denton*, and *William Denton*, Mayor of *Carlisle*.

About the latter End of King *Henry* the VIIth, and the Beginning of *Henry* the VIIIth's Reign, I find *James Denton*, LL. D. one of that King's Privy Counsellors, so much in Favour, that he had Prebends given him in the Cathedrals of *York*, *Lincoln*, and *Salisbury*; and also a Canonry of *Windsor*, where he expended great Sums in building and adorning that College. He was also Dean of *Lichfield*, and Lord President of *Wales*<sup>e</sup>, and sent Legate into *Ireland*, and dying at *Ludlow* 1532, was buried in that beautiful Church, to which he was also a great Benefactor, as he was to all Places to which he bore any Relation.

But to return to *Thomas Denton*, the first of this Family who, as aforesaid, seated himself here at *Hillesden*. He was eminently skilled in the Law, being a Bencher of the *Middle Temple*; and represented this County of *Buckingham* in Parliament the first Year of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, *Anno* 1554; he was also made Treasurer of the *Temple*: He died *October* 30, 1558, the Month before Queen *Mary* died, and was buried at *Hillesden*, on the North Side the Chancel at the upper End, under an handsome Tomb, having his own Effigies and his Wife's lying on it, who surviving him about three Years was buried by him. *Alexander* his only Son (as appears to me) succeeded him in this Estate, who married two Wives, viz. first *Anne*, Daughter of *Richard Willison* of *Sugwas*, near the City of *Hereford*, Esquire, who dying in Child-bed, *October* 29, in the 18th Year of her Age<sup>b</sup>, and the 23d of his, *Anno* 1566, was buried in *Hereford* Cathedral, under a very elegant white Marble raised Monument, with his and his Wife's Effigies lying upon it with their Hands lifted up, which hath been lately repaired and beautified at great Cost, by his present lineal Descendant, the Honourable Mr. Justice *Denton*.—His second Wife (he having no Issue surviving by the first) was *Mary* Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Roger Martin*, Lord Mayor of *London*, who dying *Anno* 1574, was buried in this Church, under an handsome Monument, as was also her Husband the said *Alexander Denton*, *Anno* 1576, and succeeded by *Thomas Denton*, their eldest Son and Heir, who represented the Town of *Buckingham* in King *James* the Ist's three first Parliaments, (in the second of which, he brought in a Bill into the House of Commons, on *June* the 3, 1614, to fix the Summer Assizes at the Town of *Buckingham*.) He also represented the County of *Buckingham* in his last Parliament, and again served for it, *Anno* primo, and for *Buckingham* Town, *Anno* 3 of King *Charles* the Ist. He was, *Anno* 1599, High Sheriff of this County, and made a Knight by the King at *Salden*, in *July* 1603, and having married *Susan* third Daughter of *John Temple* of *Stow*, Esquire, resided there from the Year 1594, to 1611, as I presume, by the Baptisms of Seven of his Children in *Stow* Parish Register, above 20 Years after which he died at *Hillesden*, and was buried there *Sept.* 23, 1633, having had Issue, besides his eldest Son and

<sup>e</sup> See *Ashmole's History of Berkshire*, in his Account of *Windsor*, and *Wood's Athen. Oxon.* Vol. i. and *Ware's Annals of Ireland*. <sup>b</sup> Ex Epitaphio.

Heir Sir *Alexander Denton*, four other Sons, and five Daughters, of which *Paul* and *Thomas* died without Issue, as did also *John*, who was bred to the Law, as was his fifth Son *William* to the Study of Physick, in which Faculty he took his Degree Anno 1634, being then of *Magdalen Hall* in *Oxford*; and afterwards settling in *London*, practised there with good Success, tho' he was much harrassed in the Time of the Rebellion, and forced to compound with the usurping Powers; but he had the good Fortune to outlive those Troubles and see better Times — I have met with several of his Letters wrote elegantly in *Latin*, to my Grandfather, the famous Dr. *Thomas Willis*, who had him in great Esteem, as had all the Faculty. — He departed this Life at his House in *Covent Garden, Westminster*, aged above 90, 1692, being born at *Stow*, Anno 1601, and was buried at *Hillesden*, leaving Issue an only Daughter, viz. *Anne*, Wife to *George Nicholas*, Esq.

Of Sir *Thomas Denton's* Daughters, *Margaret* the eldest was married to the brave Sir *Edmund Verney*, Knight Marshal, Standard Bearer to King *Charles* the First; *Susan*, to Colonel *Jeremiah Abercrombe*; *Bridget*, to Sir *Edward Fust*, Baronet; a second named also *Margaret*, was first Wife to *John Poulteney*, Esq. secondly, to Colonel *William Eure*, Brother to the Lord *Eure*, and thirdly to Captain *William Sherrard*; *Elizabeth*, to *Thomas Isham*, Esq. and *Anne* died unmarried. As to his eldest Son Sir *Alexander Denton*, he likewise represented the Town of *Buckingham* in King *Charles* the 1<sup>st</sup>'s two first Parliaments, and also in his two last; and adhering to that King in his Troubles, was a very great Sufferer for his Loyalty, his House being plundered, and burnt by the Rebels and himself imprisoned, in which State he died Heart-broken, as we are told in *Lloyd's Memoirs*, p. 700, who also tells us, that his eldest Son *George*, (it should be *John Denton*) lost his Life in August 1644, in Battle at *Abingdon* in *Berkshire*; having received no less than 30 Wounds: Five Months after which, his Father, viz. Sir *Alexander Denton*, died and was buried at *Hillesden*, Jan. 5, 1644-5. He married *Mary*, Daughter of *Edmund Hampden* of *Hertwell*, Esq. on Sept. 3, 1617, by whom he had five Sons, and eight Daughters, *John*, *Edmund*, *Alexander*, *Thomas* and *George*, of which all but *Edmund* died without Issue: Of his Daughters, *Elizabeth*, was Wife to *Francis Drake*, Esq. *Susan*, to *Robert Townsend*, Doctor in Divinity; *Margaret*, to Sir *William Smith*, Baronet; *Mary*, to *John Townsend*, Alderman of *Oxford*, and *Anne*, to *George Woodward*, Esq. *Dorothy*, *Sophia*, and *Arabella*, died unmarried. *Edmund* his second Son, who succeeded him in the Estate, died and was buried at *Hillesden*, Nov. 13, 1657, leaving Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Richard Rogers* of *Eftwood*, in *Gloucestershire*, Esq. three Sons; viz. *Alexander*, *Edmund*, and *Nicholas*, which two last died without Issue, *Edmund* dying very aged, was buried, Feb. 25, 1728, at *Hillesden*, having survived his eldest Brother, *Alexander Denton*, 30 Years, who had Issue by his Wife, *Hester*, Daughter and Heir to *Nicholas Herman* of *Middleton Stony*, in the County of *Oxford*, (whom he married at *Middleton*, on Nov. 10, 1673,) three Sons, and two Daughters, viz. *Edmund*, *Alexander*, and *John*. The Daughters were *Elizabeth*, Wife to *George Chamberlain* of *Wardington*, in the County of *Oxford*, Esq. who hath Issue *George*

*Chamberlain*, Esq; one of the present Members of Parliament for the Town of *Buckingham*, and *Cary*, Wife to *Godfrey Boat*, a Judge in *Ireland*; she, viz. *Hester*, the Mother died 1691, and was buried at *Middleton Stony*; and he, viz. *Alexander Denton*, the Father, died Oct. 17, 1698, and was buried at *Hillesden*, Oct. 25, having represented the Town of *Buckingham* in Parliament from 1690 to 1698, the Time of his Death, and was succeeded by his eldest Son and Heir, *Edmund Denton*, Esq. advanced to the Style and Dignity of a Baronet, by Letters Patent, dated May 12, 1699. He also served in Parliament for the Town of *Buckingham*, from the Year 1698, on his Father's Death, to the Year 1708, when he was elected one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Buckingham*.—He married *Mary* Daughter of *Anthony Rowe*, Esq. Clerk of the Green Cloth; and dying Anno 1714, without Issue, was succeeded by his only surviving Brother *Alexander Denton*, Esq. Recorder of *Buckingham* (*John* his youngest Brother deceasing unmarried 1701) who hath served in Parliament for the said Town of *Buckingham* from 1708, to 1722, when he vacated his Seat there, by being on June 25 that Year made one of the King's Justices of the Court of Common Pleas. He was also made Chancellor to the Prince of *Wales*, Anno 1729. On March 3, 1716, he married *Catharine*, Daughter and Heir of *John Bond* of *Sundridge*, in the County of *Kent*, Esq; who departing this Life to his unspeakable Grief, was buried at *Hillesden*, July 5, 1733. Having no Issue by her, he is said to have adopted his Nephew *George Chamberlain*, Esq; (Member of Parliament for the Town of *Buckingham* in the last Parliament, and also in the present convened Anno 1734) to be his Heir in Case of Failure of his own Issue.

This Parish is of large Extent, and contains about 2,100 Acres. It is bounded East by *Steeple Claydon* and *Padbury*, South by *Twysford*, North by *Bucks* and *Preston*, and West by *Chetwode*.

The Number of Families is 38, and of Souls 200. It was Anno 1712, assessed to the Land Tax 215*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* The Appropriation or Rectory, Anno 1534, 25 Hen. VIII, was, as appears in a Rental of *Notley Abbey*, in the First Fruits Office, given in at 20*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* though Anno 1291, 19 Edward I, as in the Taxation of Benefices then made, it was valued at only xi Marks. It is served by a stipendiary Curate, nominated by the Appropriators since the Dissolution of *Nutley Abbey*, viz. the Dean and Canons of *Christ Church, Oxford*, to which College King Henry VIII granted it by Letters Patent, Anno Regni 38, 1546, which said College, or their Lessee Tenants, the *Denton* Family, as above mentioned, appoint a Curate.

The Manor House of the *Denton* Family is situate East of the Church, adjoining to the Church-yard; it was in the great Rebellion of 1641 garrisoned for King *Charles* the First. In an History of those Times, I meet with the following Account concerning it, which I shall here give out of  
Vicar's

*Vicar's Parliamentary Chronicle, entitled, God's Ark over topping the World's Waves, printed in Quarto 1646, where, in Part iii. Page 131. sub Anno 1643, in the Month of December, we meet with this Account.*

“ Much about this Time came Information to *London*, that Sir *Alexander Denton's* House, called by the Name of *Hilliersden* House, was taken by some of the Parliament Forces, it being about 15 or 16 Miles from *Oxford*, and 7 or 8 Miles from *Aylesbury*. It was taken by a Party that went from *Newport Pagnell*, and some about *Banbury*, they being in all not above 100; yet there were in the House 140, many whereof were then taken Prisoners, and about 100 Arms; but Sir *Alexander* himself escaped.”

*Ibid.* p. 133. “ The taking of *Hilliersden* House, which a Week before the Garrison of *Aylesbury* attempted, but could not take; after which Time, and before we endeavoured it, the Enemy had sent in two or three Loads of Ammunition, where were taken above 200 Prisoners, about 12 Barrels of Powder, and proportionable Match, all their Arms, and about 50 Horse, which Service was much to the Ease and Comfort of the poor Inhabitants of the almost wasted County of *Buckingham*, which was oppressed by them; and by the Countenance of which House, great Sums of Money and Contributions were raised both for themselves and *Oxford*, and a Regiment of Foot, and a compleating Colonel *Smith's* Regiment of Horse, was speedily intended, where also were taken Sir *Alexander Denton*, and the said Colonel *Smith*, besides two Field Officers, and divers Captains.

The Names of the Ministers or Curates of this Parish, that I have met with, are only these following: for as it was so early appropriated to the Abbey of *Notley*, there are no Institutions to it as a Rectory or Vicaridge in the Registers of *Lincoln*, but it was served by a Monk or Canon of *Notley*, sent hither to officiate by their Convent.

*John Orchard*, *Canonicus Nutley*, appeared as *Curatus de Hillersden*, at the Archdeacon of *Buckingham's* Visitation, Anno 1526, 17 Hen. VIII.

*Thomas Bridges*, is the next I find. He is stiled *Curatus* here, Anno 1555, as is,

*Walter Moor*, Anno 1561, and

*Thomas Courte*, Anno 1580, and 1598.

*Thomas Evans*, was admitted Curate here, Anno 1604; to whom

*Edmund Taylor* succeeded 1612. He appointed to be buried here, in his Will, made Anno 1617. His Successor was

*Robert Marsh*, Anno 1617, to whom succeeded

*John Aris*, who held it from 1622 to 1627, when he resigned it on being made Vicar of *Steeple Claydon*.

*William Okeley* succeeded 1628, and died Curate 1645. He was taken Prisoner here, when the Manor House was surrendered, 1644, to the Rebels. After him I find

*Christopher Canner*, styled Minister here 1660 and 1663, and after him, I meet with

*Samuel Dix*, admitted Curate May 30, 1666. He was afterwards Vicar of *Winslow*, on his resigning of this Curacy.

*Richard Banks*, A. M. succeeded May 3, 1670, he quitted it on being made Rector of *Preston*.

*John Ford*, A. M. succeeded, being admitted 18 April, Anno 1675. He died 6 June 1684, and was buried at *Preston*, and succeeded by

*Hugh Priket*, Anno 1684, to whom succeeded

*Humphry Drake*, A. M. 1685, and on his Resignation, he being made Rector of *Agmondesham*,

*Stephen Townsend*, A. M. became licensed 23 June, Anno 1692, on whose Death in July 1724,

*Robert Pearse*, A. M. accepted it Anno 1724, and is the present Minister Anno 1735, and Rector of *Scotter*, Co. *Lincoln*.

The Tythes of this Church were, both Rectorial and Vicarial, engrossed by the rapacious Monks of *Nutley*, who got it appropriated before the Year 1200, 1 *John*, and tho' Anno 1344, a Complaint was made to the Bishop, that this and their other Churches were destitute of Vicars, I don't find any thing done to remedy it. When this Appropriation was given to *Christ Church*, by *Hen. VIII*, that College only paid a small Stipend of about 4 *l.* to a Curate, as the Impropiators of *Nutley* had done. Anno 1680 " the Church-wardens of this Parish certified at the Visitation, that there is no " House or Glebe or Endowment, saving 40s. which *Alexander Denton*, " Esq. who provides a Minister, pays to the Church Wardens." So their original Allowance was only 40s. per Annum, which the College augmented, as I understand, to 20 *l.* per Annum, which the Lessee Tenant, on being permitted to nominate the Minister, raises to 30 *l.* per Annum. and has moreover very generously given the Minister Entertainment at his House.

The Church here, which is dedicated to *All Saints*, the Sunday after which Festival there is a Wake or Feast kept in the Parish, is a very elegant Structure, and well deserves a Draught; 'tis in Length 80 Foot, and in Breadth 40 Foot, and has been all new built, except the Tower, not long before the Reformation.

It being ruinous, a Complaint was exhibited at the Visitation against the Abbat and Convent of *Nutley*<sup>1</sup>, Anno 1493, 8 *Hen. VII*, " that *Hillesden* " Chancel, and other Parts of the Church were very ruinous, and that the " Church Yard lay open, and the whole was in great Dilapidation, and that " the Abbat of *Nutley*, ought to amend it."

Which had so good effect as occasioned it to be new built in the handsome Manner it now is. It consists of a Body, two Side Iles, Chancel and North Chancel; adjoining to which is a Vestry with a Room over it, ascended to by an angular pinnaced Stair Case, and at the West End is an embattled

<sup>1</sup> Ex Visitationibus Archid. *Bucks*, in Officio apud *Aylesbury*.

Tower, in which are six small tuneable Bells, cast out of three, by *Alexander Denton*, Esq. about the Year 1686. The whole Fabrick is leaded throughout, the Windows are lofty and spacious, and were curiously adorned with painted Glass, which is so broken that little can be made out of the Designation, except in the East Window of the South Ile; where are some Representations of our Saviour's Miracles. The Inside and Outside is of excellent Ashler or Masonry Work of Free Stone, and the Roof carved and embellished, and the Cornice of the Chancel set round with Cherubs. The Outside is encompassed with Battlements intermixt with small Pinnacles, some of which on the North Side being rifled and thrown down by the great Wind *Anno* 1702, and not being rebuilt, as they stood before, is some Defight to that Side of the Church.

In the Chancel are painted the Arms of the *Dentons*, viz. *Argent two Bars Gules: In Chief three Cinquefoils; in Fess Point, a Mullet for distinction*, impaling *Mordant, Argent a Chevron between three Esboyls wavy Sable*; being the Arms of the first Purchaser *Thomas Denton*, who lies interred within the Communion Rails under an handsome Monument, with his Effigies and his Wife's lying thereon in full Proportion in Alabaster; but the Inscription is defaced in Part, what remains is as follows:

. . . . . : *Esquize deceased the*  
**Thirtieth Day of October**  
*Anno Dom. MCCCC.* . . . [1558] **on whose Souls**  
**God have Mercy.**

Here were their Arms on the South Side, which yet remain at the West End or Head of the Tomb.

1. *Denton*. 2. *Mordant*. 3. *A Bend charged with Gattees*. 4. *A Cross Moline*. 5. *Party per Pale, Or, and Gules, engrailed*. 6. *Gules a Spread Eagle Argent*. 7 and 8 *Denton and Mordant*, again the same as the first and second Coats.

On the Pavement on a small Marble, a Lozenge,

“Here lieth the Body of Doctor *William Denton*, 1692.”

Below the Communion Rails on a Black Marble.

“*Edmundus Denton* Baronettus, Filius natu maximus *Alexandri Denton*  
 “*de Hilleden*, Armigeri, et *Esberæ* Uxoris ejus, Filix unica  
 “*Nicholai Herman de Middleton Stony*, in Agro Oxon. Arm. obiit 4  
 “*Die Maii* 1714. Anno Ætatis Tricesimo octavo.”

Below it, on two small Marbles, these two Inscriptions:

“*Mrs. Dorothy Denton*, the 7th Daughter of Mr. *Alexander Denton* of *Hilleden* Knt. by *Mary* Daughter and Coheir of *Edmund Hampden* of  
 “*Hartwell*, in the County of *Bucks*, Esq. died the 14th Day of *April*,  
 “*Anno Domini* 1712, Ætatis 75.”

“Here



“ Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. *Catharine Denton*, Wife of the Honour-  
 “ able Mr. Justice *Denton*, who died *June 26, Anno Domini 1733*,  
 “ *Ætatis 39*.

On one Side of it, on a white Marble, this,

“ Mrs. *Mary Chamberlayn*, second Daughter of *George Chamberlayne* of  
 “ *Wardington*, in the County of *Oxford*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his Wife,  
 “ eldest Daughter of *Alexander Denton* of *Hillesden*, Esq. died the 24  
 “ Day of *Feb*, 1722, in the 20th Year of her Age.

MONUMENTS in the North Chancel.

On a black Marble on the Pavement,

“ Here lyeth *Alexander Denton*, Esq. who departed this Life the 17th of  
 “ *October 1698*, in the 44th Year of his Age.”

On another black Marble,

“ Here lyeth the Body of *John Denton*, Esq. third Son of *Alexander*  
 “ *Denton*, Esq. by *Hester* his Wife, only Daughter and Heirefs of  
 “ *Nicholas Herman* of *Middleton Stony*, in the County of *Oxford*, Esq.  
 “ He departed this Life the 14 of *April, Anno Domini 1701, Ætatis*  
 “ 21.

On a small white Marble, in a Lozenge,

“ Mrs. *Elizabeth Hayes* died the 26th Day of *Feb. Anno Domini, 1702*,  
 “ *Ætatis suæ 28*.”

On a large black Marble, these Arms,

*A Griffin with Wings displayed, and Tail nodded; underneath this,*

“ Here lieth the Body of *Francis Drake* of *Woodstock Park*, in the County  
 “ of *Oxford*, Esq. eldest Son and Heir of *Francis Drake* of *Walton*  
 “ upon *Thames*, in the County of *Surry*, by his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daugh-  
 “ ter of *Sir Alexander Denton*, Knt. of *Hillesden*, in the County of  
 “ *Bucks*; who departed this Life, the 29th Day of *March 1701*, in  
 “ the 60th Year of his Age.”

On an ordinary Stone,

“ Mrs. *Elizabeth Isham*, died the 20th of *Sept. 1667*.”

On a small white Marble Lozenge.

“ Here lieth *Thomas Isham, Anno Domini 1676*.”

Over the Vestry Door, infixed in the Wall, an oval black Marble, en-  
 chased with white Mantlings; at Top these Arms of *Isham*,

*A Fess Gules, in Chief, three Pyles issuing; underneath this,*

“ Sacred to the Memory of *Thomas Isham*, late of the *Middle Temple*,  
 “ *London*, Gentleman, only Son of *Thomas Isham* of *Pitchley*, in the  
 County

“ County of *Northampton*, Esq. by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of  
 “ Sir *Thomas Denton*, of *Hillesden*, in the County of *Buckingham*, Knt.  
 “ who deceased *July 17, Anno 1676*, in the 30th Year of his Age,  
 “ leaving behind him a great Example of Kindness to his Relations,  
 “ Fidelity to his Friends, and Charity to all that knew him.”

In the said North Chancel a Compartment of Black and White Marble,  
 with the Arms of *Isbam* impaling *Denton*, as before, and thereon this ;

“ In Memory of *Eliz.* Daughter of Sir *Thomas Denton*, of *Hillesden*, in  
 “ the County of *Buckingham*, Knt. and Wife of *Thomas Isbam*, Esq.  
 “ Son of Sir *Euseby Isbam*, of *Pitchley*, in the County of *Northampton*,  
 “ Knt. by whom he had two Sons, and one Daughter, of which three,  
 “ her Son *Thomas* is only living. She died on the second of *September*,  
 “ 1667, in the 57th Year of her Age.”

“ *Pia Mater, certa Amica, optima Conjux, hic jacet, quæ virtute sua*  
 “ *præluceat vivis sibi que fit superstes. Matrôna tam tenax Amicitia,*  
 “ *quam jurata cultrix, ut nunquam Amicos magis fugeret quam in*  
 “ *eo temporis articulo quo morte est prærepta. Tam digna Conjuge*  
 “ *ipso lumine chariore Deus mariti cæcitatem munificè compensavit, qui*  
 “ *tale ne Exemplum deleteretur Urnâ, in hoc eum desuescant Cineres pati*  
 “ *Vestigia, hoc Monumentum posuit.*”

Against the North Wall, a large Monument of Free-stone, supported by  
 Pillars and Pilasters of the *Tuscan* Order, in the Middle a Chest bunching  
 out, with this on a Tablet :

“ Here lyeth *Alexander Denton*, Son and Heir of *Thomas Denton*, Esq.  
 “ and *Mary* his second Wife, one of the Daughters of Sir *Roger Mar-*  
 “ *tyn*, Knt. which *Alexander* departed the 8th Day of *January*, in the  
 “ Year of our Lord God 1576, and *Mary*, the 12th Day of *July*, in  
 “ the Year of our Lord God 1574. To whom our Lord grant a joy-  
 “ ful Resurrection. Erected at the Charge of *Margaret Denton*.”

Over all these Arms,

1. *Denton*. 2. *A Fess dauncetty between three Billets*. 3. *A Lion rampant*,  
 being *Wells*. 4. *A Fess dauncetty, between six Cross Crosets*, being *Engaine*.  
 5. *Ermine, a Fess charged with three Crosses*. 6. *Argent two Pales Sable*,  
 inter three *Greybonds Heads erased Gules*. 7. *A Bend Nebule, charged with*  
*two Mulletts*. 8. *A Cross Moline*.

In the South Ile of the Church is an old Marble Grave-stone, but no In-  
 scription visible.

In the Body of the Church near the Reading Desk, on an ordinary Stone,

“ Here lieth the Body of *Deodatus Wright*, who died *April 28, 1715*,  
 “ aged 59. Years, who served the Hon. Family of the *Dentons* 34  
 “ Years.

An handsome neat Pulpit and Desk, and fine Velvet Furniture, and Communion Plate, were given to this Church, by the Hon. Mr. Justice *Denton*.

Before the Reformation here were Donations of *Lamp* and *Obit* Lands in this Parish, to the Amount of 20 s. *per Annum*. As to the Original of these Gifts, it was customary, as Sir *Henry Spelman* tells us, upon any Delivery from any notable Danger or Sickness to present a Saint with a Lamp to burn before it. The *Obits* were for Mass, on the Anniversary of the deceased Person, but who gave these Benefactions here I am to seek. Though the *Denton* Family have so long resided here, I meet with no Lands given to Charitable Uses in this Parish.

The Register begins *Anno* 1594, 36 *Elizabeth*. Out of it I collected these Extracts.

#### MARRIAGES none of any Note.

#### BAPTISMS.

*Alexander Denton*, March 21, 1596.

*Paul Denton*, Aug. 23, 1599.

*Thomas Denton*, Nov. 1, 1600.

*William Denton*, April 14, 1605.

*Margaret Denton*, Nov. 15, 1612.

*Ralph*, Son and Heir of *Edmund Verney*, Knt. and *Margaret* his Wife, November 28, 1613.

*Thomas* their Son, Nov. 10, 1615.

*Edmund* their Son, Oct. 15, 1616.

*Henry* their Son, May 19, 1617.

*John* their Son, July 27, 1618.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Alex. Denton*, July 28, 1618.

*Susan*, Daughter of *Alex. Denton*, Knt. and *Mary* his Wife, September 10, 1620.

*Penelepe*, Daughter of *Edmund Verney*, Knt. and *Margaret* his Wife, June 11, 1622.

*John*, Son of *Alexander Denton*, and Lady *Mary* his Wife, May 7, 1623.

*Margaret*, Daughter of *Edmund Verney*, Knt. and *Margaret* his Wife, Oct. 2, 1623.

*Margaret*, Daughter of *Alexander Denton*, Knt. and Lady *Mary* his Wife, Nov. 6, 1625.

*Mary*, Daughter of *Alexander Denton*, Knt. and Lady *Mary* his Wife, April 12, 1627.

*Alexander*, Son of *Edmund Denton*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Dec. 8, 1654.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Alexander Denton*, Esq. and *Hester* his Wife, August 5, 1675.

*Edmund* their Son, Oct. 25, 1676. He was afterwards a Baronet.

*Cary* their Daughter, Feb. 19, 1677.

*Alexander*

*Alexander* their Son Born *August* 14, baptized *Aug.* 25, 1679. He is the present Mr. Justice *Denton*, and the last that occurs in the Register of the Baptisms of his Name and Family.

## B U R I A L S.

*Sir Thomas Denton*, September 23, 1633.  
*Sophia*, Daughter of *Sir Alexander Denton*, Jan. 7, 1640.  
*Dame Mary*, Wife of *Sir Alexander Denton*, April 6, 1641.  
*Dame Susan*, Widow of *Sir Thomas Denton*, September 7, 1641.  
*John Denton*, Aug. 22, 1644. He was the eldest Son of *Sir Alexander Denton*, and slain in Defence of the King's Cause at *Abingdon*.  
*Sir Alexander Denton*, January 5, 1644-5.  
*Edmund Denton*, Esq. Nov. 13, 1657.  
*Mr. Thomas Denton* Sept. 26, 1678.  
*Doctor William Denton*, May 14, 1692.  
*Alexander Denton*, Esq. Oct. 25, 1698.  
*Mr. John Denton*, April 17, 1701.  
*Dorothy*, Daughter of *Sir Alexander Denton*, April 16, 1712.  
*Sir Edmund Denton*, May 11, 1714.  
*Edmund Denton*, Esq. Feb. 26, 1728.  
*Mrs. Katherine Denton*, Wife of the Hon. Mr. Justice *Denton*, July 5, 1733.

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## L E K H A M P S T E D,

**D**ERIVES its Name (as I conceive) from the Situation, viz. from *Lec*, or *Lact*, *Lacus*, and *Ham*, *Habitatio*, and *Stede*, *Locus*, i. e. The Lakey or Watery Passage on the Banks of the River.

This was, before the Conquest, Part of the Demesnes of *Leofwine*, Brother to King *Harold*, as we learn in *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. i. p. 15.

In the Survey of *Doomsday Book*, it appears to be of the greatest Extent of any Parish in this Division: it then contained no less than three Manors, which are thus described:

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis, in Stodfield Hundred.*

<p><i>Gislebertus Maminot tenet de Episcopo Lekhamstede, pro xviii Hidis se de-</i></p>	<p><i>Gislebert Maminot holds Lekhamstede, of the Bishop of Baiux, it was rated at</i></p>
C c 2	18 Hides.

*fehdebat. Terra est xiv Carucatarum; in Dominio sunt iii, et quarta potest fieri; ibi xviii Villani, cum vi Bordariis; habent iv Carucas; et alie quatuor possint fieri; ibi ii Servi. Pratum xii Carucatarum. Silva cccc Porcorum. In totis Valentiis valet et valuit vi Libras; tempore Regis Edwardi, viii Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Leuvinus Comes.*

18 Hides. The Arable is fourteen Carucates; there are three in Demesne, and a fourth can be made out. There are eighteen Copyholders, and six Cottagers. They have four Ploughs, and four other Ploughs can be made. There are two Servants, and Meadow sufficient for twelve Ploughs, and Mast for 400 Hogs. In the Whole it is worth, and always was worth 6*l.* in King Edward's Time 8*l.* Earl Leuvin held this Manor.

*Terra Walteri Giffard in Stodfield Hundred.*

*In Lechampsted tenet Hugo de Walterio ii Hidas. Terra est i Carucata; et ibi est cum i Villano, et ii Bordariis. Ibi i Molinum de xx Solidis. Pratum i Caruc. Silva i Porcorum. Et totis Valentiis valet et valuit xxx Solidos. Quando recepit, xx Solidos. Tempore Regis Edwardi, xxx Solidos.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Homo Aſgari Stalre Suertinus; et non vendere, neque dare potuit, prater ejus licentiam.*

Hugh holds of Walter Giffard, two Hides in Lechampsted. The Arable is one Plough, and is there with one Copyholder, and two Cottages and one Servant. There is one Mill of 20*s.* Value; Meadow sufficient to one Plough, and Mast for fifty Hogs. In the Whole it is worth, and always was worth 30*s.* When he received it 20*s.* In King Edward's Time, 30*s.*

Swarthbinus, Tenant of Aſgar, the Commander or Captain, held it, and could neither sell it, or give it away, without his Lord's Leave.

*Terra Goisfridi de Manneville in Stodfield Hundred.*

*M. In Lekhampsted tenet Osbertus de Goisfrido iii Hidas. Terra est iii Carucatarum; in Dominio est i et — Villani habent i Carucam et dimidium, et adhuc dimidium potest fieri. Silva cl Porcorum. Valet xxx Solidos. Tempore Regis Edwardi, xxx Solidos.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Suartinus, Homo Aſgari, nec vendere potuit.*

Osbert holds of Goisfrid three Hides in Lekhampsted. The Arable is three Plough Lands, there is one in Demesne, and — Copyholders. They have one Plough and an Half; and there may be made another half. There is Mast for 150 Hogs. It is worth 30*s.* and also in King Edward's Time 30*s.*

Swarting, that was Tenant to Aſgar, held this Manor, but he could not sell it.

On the Bishop of Baioux's Forfeiture of his Lands, Anno 1088, it seems to me, that this first Manor was acquired by Goisfridus de Manneville, Possessor of the third Manor, who was made Earl of Essex, Anno 1139, and dying Anno 1144, was succeeded by Geffry his second Son, who dying without

out Issue, *Anno* 1167, (as did also his Brother *William*) this Estate came to their Aunt *Beatrice*, Wife to *William de Say*, under whom it was held by the *Chastillon* Family: for I find it returned in *Henry* 2<sup>d</sup>'s Time, that *Hugh de Chasteleyn*<sup>a</sup>, stood seized of the Manor of *Great Lekhamsted*, and that he, viz. *Chasteleyn*, held it *de Feodo Say*, et ipse (viz. *Say*) tenuit de Rege.

This Family of the *Says* were also Heirs to the *Maminots* Lands, as may be seen in *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. 1, p. 619. So that it seems, that the first and third Manor, being in Unity of Possession, and vested in the same Owners, came very early into the *Chastillons* Hands, as I make no doubt; but that the second Manor, possessed by *Walter Giffard*, Earl of *Buckingham*, after his Son's Decease, *Anno* 1164, (viz. *Walter de Gifford* the second Earl of *Buckingham*,) became acquired by the *Chastillons*, and so the whole Lordship was possessed by them in *Richard* the 1<sup>st</sup>'s Reign; at which Time they became Benefactors to *Luffield* Priory of Messuages and Lands in *Lekhamsted*, as appears by a Charter of *Hugh de Chastillon*, in the Register of *Luffield*, Fol. 97 & 98.

And in the Fines *Anno* 1206, in the 7<sup>th</sup> Year of King *John*, *Petronilla*, Daughter of *Ralph Piroi*<sup>b</sup>, Wife of *Richard Chastillon*, claimed here a Dowry from her Husband's Father, *Hugh Chastillon*.

They were also in this Reign Patrons of the Church here, and are in antient Deeds entitled, *Domini de Lekhamsted*, which they continued to be in the succeeding Reigns, viz. of *Hen.* 3<sup>d</sup>, *Edw.* 1, *Edw.* 2, *Edw.* 3, and in King *Richard* the 2<sup>d</sup>'s Time, when they conveyed their Demesnes to the *Gernons*. For I find *William Gernon*, in an antient Deed, *Anno* 1398, 21 of *Richard* 2, stiled *Dominus de Lekhamsted*, and also *Anno* 1467, *Temp.* *Edw.* 4, I meet with another *William Gernon* Lord here.

From an Heiress of the *Gernons*, this Manor, as I conceive, came by Marriage to the *Tilneys*, Citizens of *London*; for it appears that *Reginald Tilney*, Alderman of *London*, died *May* 3, *Anno* 1503, seized of a Moieties of *Lekhamsted* Lordship. And by an Inquisition taken at *Aylesbury*, *June* 4, 12 *Hen.* 8, 1521<sup>c</sup>, it is set forth, that *John Tilney* (his Son, no doubt) died *May* 15, *Anno* 1519, two Years before, seized of the Manor and Advowson of *Great Lekhamsted*, leaving Issue *Joan* his Daughter and Heir, then an Infant of one Year old, which *Joan* having married to her first Husband *Richard Greenway* of *Dynton*, near *Aylesbury*, he became, in her Right, Lord of *Great Lekhamsted*, and Patron of the Church, and dying *Anno* 1551, was buried at *Dynton*, leaving Issue by her a Son named *Anthony*; but on her becoming soon after her Husband's Death, Wife to *Michael Harcourt*, Esq; he, viz. *Harcourt*, in her Right, occupied the Manor, and residing here, was *Anno* 1585, 27 *Eliz.* elected one of the Members of Parliament for the County Town of *Buckingham*, and departing this Life, *Anno* 1597<sup>d</sup>, was buried here, as was his Relict the said *Joan*, Heiress of the *Tilney* Family, three Years after him, viz. *Anno* 1600, being then 82 Years old; when this Estate descended to her Son and Heir by her first Husband, viz.

<sup>a</sup> Teste de Nevill.

<sup>b</sup> Rot. Finium in Co. Bucks.

<sup>c</sup> Ex evidentiis apud Thetford.

<sup>d</sup> Ex Ligula Inquisit. in Capella Rotulorum.

<sup>e</sup> Ex Registro Parochial de Lekhamsted.

*Anthony Greenway*, Esq. afterwards knighted, who Anno 1565 married *Winifrid*, Daughter of the said *Michael Harcourt*, (as I presume) by a former Wife, and had Issue by her the said *Winifrid*, a Son, named *Anthony*, who succeeded on his Father *Sir Anthony Greenway's* Death, Anno 1600. This *Anthony* resided here Anno 1626, (as I find in some Deeds) and in that Year, in Conjunction with his Father-in-law's Son *Michael Harcourt*, presented to this Church; and afterwards about the Year 1631, conveyed this Manor and Advowson to *Edmund Pye*, Senior, Scrivener of London, and *Edmund Pye*, Junior, his Son, which last was made a Baronet, Anno 1641, and died seized hereof, April 28, 1673, and was buried at *Bradenbuth*, in this County, as was his Lady, who deceasing Anno 1701, in the 89th Year of her Age, was succeeded in this Manor by her Daughter, the Hon. Mrs. *Catherine West*, on whose Death it descended to the Hon. *Martha Lady Wentworth*, Neice to the said Mrs. *West*, Grand-daughter to *Sir Edmund Pye*, and she is, Anno 1735, the present Lady of this Manor of *Great Leikhampted*, and Patrons of the Church.

When the second Manor, viz. *Leikhampted Parva*, called also *Lymes End*, was dislevered from that of *Great Leikhampted*, and how it hath passed, I come now to account, the first mention I meet with it under the Title of a Manor, is *Tempore Hen. IV.* when Anno 1413, a Fine was levied from *Hugh Mortimer*, and other Demandants, and *Henry Franklyn* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Deforciant, of the Manor of *Leikhampted Parva*, to *John Mackworth*, and Anno 7 *Hen. VI.* 1428, I find *Leikhampted Parva* Manor conveyed by *William Russel*, and *Margaret* his Wife, to *John Moreton*, Clerk.

And Anno 8 *Hen. VII.* 1492, a Fine was passed of *Leikhampted Parva* Manor to *William Field*, and others Demandants, from *Mary Middleton*, Deforciant. And lastly Anno 1556, 3 and 4 of *Philip* and *Mary*, a Fine passed of it between *George Tyrrell*, Demandant, Lord of the adjacent Parish of *Thornton*, and *Thomas Pigot* Deforciant; which *George Tyrrell* departing this Life May 10, 1570, it was found by Inquisition taken soon after, that (inter alia) he died seized of *Lymes End*, alias *Little Leikhampted Manor*, seven Messuages, one Dove House, forty Acres of Arable, 100 Acres of Meadow, and 100 Acres of Pasture, and Right of Fishery in *Lymes End* alias *Little Leikhampted* aforesaid, which he held of the King by the Service of a Bezant. He is also returned to have been seized of five Messuages, two Cottages, three Gardens and Orchards, 200 Acres of Land, 80 of Meadow, 100 of Pasture, and Right of Fishery in *Great Leikhampted*, and 55 Acres of Land in *Nutbory* in *Leikhampted*, and 200 Acres of Wood in *Westbury*. To this *George Tyrrell* succeeded *Edward* his Son, afterwards knighted, (Father to *Sir Edward Tyrrell*, made a Baronet, Anno 1627,) who built a lofty House of good Free Stone at this Manor here. Anno 1603, as appears by the Date, which was called by the Name of the *Toy*, at about 3000*l.* Expence, which is still remaining, though gone to

*Redd. Finam. Co. B. G.*

*Rad. s. B. Finam. Co. B. G.*

*Ex*

*Ligula Inquisitionis.*

Decay,

Recd., and converted into a Farm House, and belongs now with this Manor, *Anno* 1733, to Sir Charles Tyrrell, his direct Descendant, the seventh Baronet of this Family, as will be more properly mentioned in Thornton.

I find in old Evidences, *Temple Edw. III. Anno* 1370, one Stephen Pollard seized of Lands here.

This Family is now possessed of the principal Estate in this Parish, having purchased good Part of the Tyrrell Estate here, and the present worthy Owner thereof is John Pollard, Esq. a Native of Dorsetshire, who hath served the Hon. Office of High Sheriff of this County of Buckingham.

I find also that the *Danery* Lords of *Thornborough*, had Lands in *Lekhamsted*; and that a Part of this Parish, called *Holyman's Fields* Manors, belonged *Temple Ric. II. Hen. VI. and Edw. IV.* to the *Greaves*; and that *Thomas Greend* died seized thereof, *Anno* 1453; these Demesnes *Temp. Regina Maria* belonged to the Family of *Wentworth*, Lords of *Lillingston Lovell*, Co. Oxon; and are, *Anno* 1735, the Property of *John Wentworth* Creswell, Esq. as Heir to his Great Uncle Sir *Peter Wentworth*, Knt. of the Bath, who deceasing Dec. 1, 1675, was succeeded in this Estate by his Brother *Paul Wentworth*, Esq. on whose Decease, Feb. 16, 1682, it came to *John Creswell*, Esq. the Father of the said *John Wentworth Creswell*, Esq. who died *Anno* 1696, and was buried at *Newbottle* in the County of *Northampton*.

I meet with very few Lands in this Parish given to religious Houses, except of half a Yard Land, and one Acre and an half, and one Messuage, by *Hugh de Castileyn* to *Luffield Priory*, as aforementioned, for which 5 s. was paid to that Convent, as appears by their Rental in *Edw. IVth's* Time: though here were also some Lamp Lands; and in the *Monasticon*, Vol. i. p. 521. mention is made of an Hermitage in *Bosco de Flechamsted*.

The Manor House, which was a large Building, stood West of the Church, and adjoined to the Church-yard, and was the Seat of the *Castillons*, *Gernons*, *Tilneys*, *Harcourts*, *Greenways*, and *Pyes*, which last Family took their Denomination of Barquets from hence. But it has been good Part of it pulled down by the present Lady thereof, viz. the Lady *Wentworth*, and made a Tenant's House; it was moated about antiently.

This Parish is of large Extent, being computed three Miles in Length, and a Mile and half in Breadth. It is divided into three Divisions, viz. *Church End*, *Nast or North End*, and *Lymes End*, in which are about 68 Houses. The Number of Acres is about 2800, it is bounded North East by *Wicken*, in *Northamptonshire*, and *Thornton* in *Buckinghamshire*; West by *Lillingston Lovell* in *Oxfordshire*, and *Akeley* and *Lillingston Dayrell*; South by *Maidenorton*, *Foxcote*, and *Thornborough*. Here are (as I learn) nothing given in Charities to Church or Poor, in this great Parish.



It was, *Anno* 1712, assessed to the Land Tax 262*l.* 10*s.* It consists mostly of Pasture Ground, and was inclosed *March* 1, 1624, by a Decree in Chancery, then made between the following Persons:

*First Part*, Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, Knt. Lord of *Lymes End*, and *Nast End*, and Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife, Sir *Timothy Tyrrell*, and *Thomas Tyrrell*, Esq. his Brothers.

*Second Part*, *Anthony Greenway*, Esq. Lord of the Manor of *Lekbampsted*, and Dame *Amphillis* his Wife, the Reverend *John Spicer*, A. M. Rector; *John Philips*, Esq. and *Jane* his Wife, Lord of the Manor of *Forscot*, (which Parish was enclosed at the same Time) and *Mt. James Stilson*, Rector of *Forscot*.

*Third Part*, *John Pollard* of *Wickhammon*, in the County of *Northampton*, Yeoman, and *Katherine* his Wife.

*Fourth Part*, *John Abbat* of *Lekbampsted*, Yeoman, and *Ann* his Wife.

*Fifth Part*, *John Cbewe* of *Lekbampsted*, Yeoman, and *Ann* his Wife.

*Sixth Part*, *Thomas Budd* of *Lekbampsted*, Yeoman, and *Alice* his Wife.

*Seventh Part*, *William Palmer* of *Tbornton*, Yeoman.

*Eighth Part*, *Robert Bayly* of *Lekbampsted*, Yeoman.

The Rectory was, *Anno* 1291, estimated at 24 Marks, and *Anno* 1534, rated for first Fruits at 15*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* according to which it now pays; 'tis reckoned the best endowed Benefice of any in the Deanry of *Buckingham*, being reputed to be worth 240*l.* per Annum.

The Advowson hath ever been appendant to the Manor of *Great Lekbampsted*, and so still continues. It was presented to by the *Chastillons*, from 1219 to 1375, and by the *Gernons* from 1398 to 1472, and by the *Tilneys* from 1505, and so came to the *Harcourts* and *Greenways*, on Marriage of the Heiress of *Tilney*, till the Sale thereof, about 1630, to the *Pyes*.

I cannot find, notwithstanding the Largeness of the Parish, that here was ever any Chapel of Ease.

The Church, which is dedicated to the Honour of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, consists of a Body, and North Ile, which are leaded, and Chancel, which is tyled; at the West End is a broad embattled Tower, in which hang three pretty large Bells, the two biggest were cast 1662 and 1664.

Here was anciently a Clock, as I am informed, but it was sold to the neighbouring Parish of *Wicken* in *Northamptonshire*.

The Church is in poor Repair, especially the North Ile.

Here are no Arms or painted Glass in the Church, or any thing memorable, except an antient Stone Effigy under the Pulpit, of one of the Family of the *Chastillons* buried here, I suppose, before the Year 1300. The Font is also antient, and has some Effigies on it, as our Saviour on the Cross, and the two *Maries*, and *St. Catherine*.

In the Chancel is fixt to the North Wall a very extraordinary Stone, and this miserably inscribed on it :

“ Heare lieth Sir *Anthoni Grenowaye*, Knight. *Jana. 26, 1619.*”

And within the Communion Rails is a Gravestone with this Inscription, on a Brass Plate :

*Hic jacet Reginaldus Tylney, Filius Radulphi Tylney, Gentryman, Civis et Aldermanus Londini, unus Heres istius Manerii, qui obiit tertio Die Maii, A.D. MCCCCCIII.*

Underneath the Portraitures of three Children, *Elizabeth, John, Johan*, and at the Corners two defaced Coats of Arms, with these Names on them, *Tylney* and *Gernon* inscribed; *Tylney's* Arms were, *Argent, a Cheuron between three Griffins Heads erased Gules* : But they are worn out pretty much.

Near the Communion Table, this on a Grave-stone ;

“ Here lies interred the Remains of the Rev. Mr. *Edward Carlton*,

“ Master of Arts, Rector of this Church, who died beloved and lamented, *August 10, 1718, Aetatis 51.*”

But I come now to the Series or Names of the RECTORS.

*Thomas de Nevill*, Canon of *Lincoln*, was presented 1219, by *Hugh Chastillon*.

*Ralph Brito* succeeded 1221, on the Presentation of *Hugh*, Son of *Hugh Chastillon*.

*Simon de Briton* succeeded, being presented 1227, by *Hugh Chastillon*, on the Resignation of *Ralph Brito*.

*Stephen de Holwell* was presented by *Hugh Chastillon*.

*William de Walton* was presented on the Death of *Stephen de Holwell*, and instituted 9 Cal. April, 1267, on the Presentation of *Sir Hugh Chastillon*, Knight.

*Robert Fitz Bernard* was presented on the Death of *William de Walton*, and instituted Mar. 2, 1296, on the Presentation of *Hugh de Chastillon*.

*Thomas de Chastillon* was presented on the Resignation of *Robert Fitz Bernard*, 10 Cal. Dec. 1323, on the Presentation of *Richard Chastillon*.

*John de Cervington* was presented 7 Cal. Mar. 1329, on the Resignation of *Thomas de Chastillon*, on the Presentation of *Richard Chastillon*.

*Humphry Ward* succeeded 11 Cal. April, 1337, on *Richard Chastillon's* Presentation. He exchanged it for *Soulbury*, with

*Hugh Durant*, 4 Non. Aug. 1357 ; on whose Resignation

*Michael de Ravendall* became instituted, Aug. 1, 1359, on *Hugh Chastillon's* Presentation. He resigned it, and was succeeded by

*John de Barton*, instituted Oct. 1, 1361, on *Hugh Chastillon's* Presentation. He exchanged it for *Bernoldby*, Co. *Lincoln*, 1375, and so *Quere* about *John Wickliff's* being Rector here 1371, as is mentioned in the History of him, for I find

*John D'autre* instituted July 2, 1375, on *John Barton's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Sir Hugh Chastillon*, Knt.

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*John Well*, was presented Sept. 7, 1898, by *William Gernon*, but not laid how vacant.

*John Reynould* was presented Oct. 13, 1412, on *Well's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *William Gernon*.

*John Blanktoft*, (perhaps the same with *Reynald*) died Rector here 1431, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Send*, instituted Oct. 16, 1431, on *Blanktoft's* Death, on *William Gernon's* Presentation.

*Adam Moleyns* was instituted March 1, 1431, on *Send's* Resignation, on *William Gernon's* Presentation. He was afterwards Bishop of *Chichester*.

*Thomas Send* was instituted Oct. 25, 1432, a second Time, on *Moleyns's* Resignation.

*Thomas Redman* was instituted February 16, 1432, on *Send's* Resignation.

*Richard Tenaunt* succeeded, and died Rector here 1452, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Send*, instituted (a third Time) June 22, 1452, on *William Gernon's* Presentation. He died 1457, and was succeeded by

*John Brampton*, LL.B. instituted Feb. 2, 1457, on *Send's* Death, on *William Gernon's* Presentation.

*John Brigge* was presented Nov. 14, 1472, on *Brampton's* Death, on the Presentation of Sir *Edmund Rede*, and *Thomas Walden*, Feoffees to the *Gernons* no doubt.

*Robert Ashcombe*, A. M. was instituted Oct. 11, 1505, on *Brigge's* Death, on the Presentation of *Joan Tilney*, Widow, Heiress of *Gernon*.

*Edward Holte*, A. M. was instituted May 25, 1528, on *Ashcombe's* Death, on the Presentation of *Thomas Grey*, Marquis of *Dorset*.

*Richard Musfon* was instituted Nov. 22, 1530, on *Holte's* Death, on the Presentation of Sir *Robert Lee*. He died 1536, as appears by his Will, in which he appointed to be buried in the Chancel here, and gave in it a Vestment of white Damask to the Church.

*Richard Moreben*, was instituted Feb. 27, 1536, on Sir *Robert Lee's* Presentation, on *Musfon's* Death.

*Robert Lee* was instituted Feb. 13, 1557, on the Death of the last Incumbent (not named no doubt *Moreben*) on the Presentation of *Michael Harcourt*, Esq. and *Joan* his Wife, (Heiress to *Tilney*) Widow of *Richard Greenway*. He was Rector of *Little Cornard* in *Suffolk*, where he resided, as I find it returned to the Bishop.

*Ralph Colly*, was presented 1562, by *Michael Harcourt*, Esq. on *Lee's* Death. He was also Rector of *Thornton*, which he resigned 1573, as he did *Foxcote*, 1568. He willed, May 1, 1584, to be buried in the Chancel here.

*John Wright* succeeded, and occurs Rector 1586.

*John Spicer*, was inducted Rector Aug. 24, 1608, but I have not his Presentation.

*George Holmes*, was presented 1626, by *Anthony Greenway*, and *Michael Harcourt*, Esqrs.

George

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*George Bole* was presented by the King, *July 2, 1628*. He died Rector here, and of *Moreton*, and was buried at *Maidmerton, March 14, 1643*, and succeeded by

*Thomas Langton*, instituted *Sept. 25, 1643*, on the Presentation of Sir *Edmund Pye*, Baronet. He was driven out 1650, and one

*William Hart* intruded, who is styled Rector 1651. After his Death 1657, *Benjamin Lovell*, (Father to Sir *Salathiel Lovell*, Recorder of *London*, and afterwards made a Judge, *Anno 1708*, intruded. He resided here, and his Son had Part of his Education at *Buckingham Free-school*.)

*Clement Gregory*, A. M. got it about 1660, and then took out a Title, and died Rector, and was buried here, *July 10, 1669*, and succeeded by

*John Hooker*, A. M. instituted *July 15, 1669*, on the Presentation of Sir *Edmund Pye*, Baronet. He was also Vicar of *Masfworth*, where he resided.

*William Orme*, A. M. was instituted *March 9, 1685*, on *Hooker's* Death, on the Presentation of the Lady *Catherine Pye*, Widow. He was buried here, *September 3, 1697*.

*Edward Carleton*, A. M. was presented by the Lady *Catherine Pye*, on *Orme's* Death, and instituted *Feb. 2, 1697*. He died *August 10, 1718*, and was buried here, and succeeded by

*Philip Davies*, A. M. instituted *Feb. 4, 1718*, on the Presentation of Sir *Henry Johnson*, in right of his Lady. He died and was buried at *Bradenham, Feb. 1, 1725*, where he was also Rector.

*John North*, A. M. succeeded *April 6, 1716*, being presented by the Honourable *Martha* Baroness *Wentworth*, Relict of Sir *Henry Johnson*, and he is, *Anno 1735*, the present Rector here, and also Rector of *Bradenham*.

The Terrier of the Living given in *Oct. 16, 1674*, by Mr. *John Hooker*, Rector, from an older Terrier, is as follows:

“ The Dwelling House of five Bays of Building, a Stable of four Bays, a  
 “ Barn of four Bays, an Homestall of four Acres, a Pasture Ground of 42  
 “ Acres and an half, *Bunnill Field*, adjoining to Sir *Anthony Greenway's*  
 “ Land North, Sir *Edward Tyrrell's* South; a Close of 13 Acres and an  
 “ half in *Cutterfield*: nine Acres of Meadow in *Deep Meadow*, a Close in  
 “ *Lymes End* of seven Acres.”

The Register begins *Anno 1558*, and has these Entries, which I noted down.

### MARRIAGES.

1561, *April 14*, *Robert Leginley*, and *Johanna Pollard*.

1565, *Aug. 7*, *John Wellborn*, Esq. and Mrs. *Anne Greenway*.

*Oct. 12*, *Anthony Greenway*, Esq. and Mrs. *Winifrid Harcourt*.

1608, *Aug. 1*, *Robert Benbrook*, Gent. and Mrs. *Wellborn Sill*.

1615, *Feb. 12*, Mr. *William Cobb*, and Mrs. *Susanna Fludd*.

1631, *Sept. 1*, Sir *Peter le Maire*, Kt. and Mrs. *Hester Tyrrell*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, Baronet. Sir *Peter* died at *London*, *January 12* following.

1640, *Aug. 4*, *Laurence Carter*, and *Eleanor Pollard*.

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- N. B. They were Parents to Sir *Laurence Carter*, made a Judge, 1726.  
 1655, Mar. 26, *Peter Dayrell* of *Lillingston Dayrell*, Gent. and Mrs. *Elizabeth Pollard*.  
 1659, April 10, *John Hooker*, Clerk, and *Mary*, Daughter of Mr. *Benjamin Lovel*, Rector.  
 1662, June 12, Mr. *Thomas Mason*, Apothecary of *Bucks*, and *Winifrede Robins*.

### BIRTHS or BAPTISMS.

- 1566, Dec. 30. *Jane*, Daughter of *John Welsborne*, Esq.  
 1568, April 11, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *John Welsborne*, Esq.  
 1575, March 28, *Anthony*, Son of *Anthony Greenway*, Esq.  
 1577, March 9, *George*, Son of *Anthony Greenway*, Esq.  
 1578, April 30, *William*, Son of *Anthony Greenway*, Esq.  
 1579, July 12, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Anthony Greenway*, Esq.  
 1601, May 20, *Simon*, Son of *Robert Harcourt* of *Stanton Harcourt*, Esq.  
 1602, Sept. 19, *Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Bickliffe*, Gent.  
 1606, July 20, *Emor*, Son of *Thomas Bickliffe*, Gent.  
 1621, July 1, *Katherine*, Daughter of *John Pollard*.  
     July 27, *Katherine*, Daughter of Sir *William Washington*.  
 1624, July 2, *Christopher*, Son of Sir *William Washington*.  
 1626, Nov. 17, *Frances*, Daughter of Mr. *Anthony Greenway*.  
 1626, Sept. 19, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *John Pollard*, and *Katherine* his Wife.  
 1639, May 19, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Mr. *Thomas Bilcliffe*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife.  
     Nov. 5, *John*, Son of Mr. *John Pollard*, and *Katherine* his Wife.  
 1638, March 8, *Edward*, Son of Mr. *Thomas* and *Elizabeth Bilcliffe*.  
 1646, Oct. 25, *William*, Son of Mr. *John Pollard*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife.  
 1647, Feb. 9, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Mr. *John Pollard*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife.  
 1682, April 9, *Emor*, Son of Mr. *Emor Bilcliffe*, and *Mary* his Wife.  
 1709, Sept. 11, *Edward*, Son of *Ralph Pollard*, and *Mary* his Wife.

### BURIALS.

- 1597, Jan. 28, *Michael Harcourt*, Esq.  
 1600, Jan. 31, *Jane*, Wife of *Michael Harcourt*, Esq.  
 1601, July 13, *William Corbison*, Curate from 1565 to 1601.  
 1606, Sept. 23, *Emor*, the Son of Mr. *Thomas Bickly* or *Bilcliffe*, Gent.  
 1610, Sept. 30, *William*, Son of Sir *Anthony Greenway* or *Greenoway*.  
 1611, May 20, *John Chew*, Gent. who had been twice under Sheriff.  
 1613, March 8, *Joane Harcourt*, Gentl.  
 1618, April 2, The Lady *Winifred Greenoway*.  
     Jan. 26, the same Year, Sir *Anthony Greenoway*, Knight.  
 1619, Aug. 30, *Richard Greenoway*, Esq.  
 1625, April — *Thomas Greenoway*, Gent.

1647 June

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1647, June 16, Mr. *Thomas Bilcliffe*.

1653, Feb. 21, *Catherine*, Wife of Mr. *John Pollard*, Gent.

1657, Aug. 27, the Rev. Mr. *William Hart*, Rector of this Parish.

1658, Sept. 1, Mrs. *Lovel*, Wife of Mr. *Lovel*, Rector.

N. B. She was Mother to Sir *Salathiel Lovel*, a Judge, who was Clerk to an Attorney at *Buckingham*.

1662 Dec. 16, Mr. *John Pollard* the Elder.

1679, April 9, *Jane*, Wife of Mr. *William Pollard*.

1692, Feb. 6, Mr. *Emor Bilcliffe*.

1696, Oct. 14, Mr. *William Pollard*, Citizen and Grocer of *London*.

1704 March 25, Mrs. *Elizabeth Dayrell*, Widow of Mr. *Peter Dayrell*.

1718, April 4, *John Pollard*, Esq. *Ætatis* 82.

1729, Aug. 22, *William Pollard*, Esq.

1732, Nov. 8, Mrs. *Mary Bilcliffe* Widow, aged 91.

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ACCORDING to *Dugdale's* Derivation of *Lillingston* in *Warwickshire*, it comes from *Lytton*, small or little, and *Stone*, *Saxum*; or as in *Philpot's Villare Cantianum*, or *Kent* surveyed, printed Anno 1659, in Folio, p. 398, from the purling Stream running by it. In *Doomsday Book* it is thus described:

*Terra Walteri Giffard, in Stofield Hundred.*

*Hugo tenet de Walterio Lelinchestone. Pro v Hidis se defendebat. Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio est una et dimidium potest fieri. Ibi vi Villani, cum v Bordariis, habentibus ii Carucatas, et tertia potest fieri. Pratum v Carucatarum. Silva mille et cc Porcorum. Valet lx Solidos, quando recepit xl Solidos.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Syric, Homo Eddeve Regina, et vendere potuit.*

*Hugh* holds of *Walter Giffard Lelinchestone*. It was rated at five Hides. The Arable is five Carucates; in *Demesne*, there is one, and another half may be made. There are five Borderers, holding two Carucates, and a third may be made. There is Mast for a Thousand and two hundred Hogs. It is worth sixty Shillings, when he received forty Shillings.

*Syric*, Servant to *Eddeve*, the Queen, held this Manor, and could sell it.

This *Walter Giffard*, Earl of *Buckingham*, having, as beforementioned, founded a Priory at *Newton Longueville*, his Son and Successor *Walter Giffard* gave to it the Tenth of his *Demesnes* in this Manor, as he did of his other Lordships, about the Year 1153, 18 *Stephen*<sup>a</sup>, and dying *Anna* 1164,

<sup>a</sup> *Monasticon*, Vol. iii. p. 111.

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10 *Hen. II.*, his Feodary Tenant *Walter Bolebec* Son to *Hugh Bolebec*, (who possessed this Lordship under him on the compiling *Doomsday Book*) was returned to hold 20 Knight Fees of him in this County <sup>b</sup>, *Anno* 1165, 11 *Hen. II.*, and so having the Possession of this Manor, it came in Marriage, with the said *Walter Bolebec's* Daughter *Isabell* to *Robert Vere*, the third Earl of *Oxford*, of that Name, and so descended to the Earls of *Oxford*; under whom it was possessed by the antient Family of the *Dayrells*, written *Darell*, *Deirel*, *de Hayrell*, *Dayrell*, &c. who are, in the Roll of *Battle Abbey* <sup>c</sup>, entered among those who came in with the Conqueror.

Which Family resided here before the Year 1200, 2 *John*, for in an Account I have seen of the Family, *Richard*, Son of *Elias Dayrell*, was seized of a Messuage and half a Knight's Fee here, in King *Richard I*'s Time, or the Beginning of King *John's* Reign: and in an old Evidence of Tenures called *Testa de Nevill*, I find that *Anno* 1234, 19 *Hen. III.*, *Henry Dayrell* is returned to pay a Mark Scutage for one Knight's Fee in *Lillingstone*, which he held of the Honour of *Giffard*.

However in this King's Reign, as we find in the Register of *Luffield Priory*, here were other Proprietors also <sup>d</sup>, under whom the *Dayrells* held; for in the said Register it is said, that *William* Son of *Reginald de Moreton* gave to the Monks of *Luffield* one Mark, which he enjoined the yearly Payment of <sup>e</sup> to them, from *Hen. Dayrell*, and his Heirs. And we also meet with there, another Payment of 12 *d.* annually, from *Richard Dayrell* and his Heirs, which *Ric. Dayrell*, *Anno* 1253, 38 *Hen. III.*, as the same Account mentions, gave his Wood at *Lillingston* to *Luffield*, with his Body to be buried in that conventual Church <sup>f</sup>: and moreover *Robert Dayrell*, and *Ralf* his Son, gave to *Luffield*, Locum in Nemore suo de *Lillingston*, in which was built a Chapel to the Honour of *St. Thomas* the Martyr, Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

And also *Hugh de St. Martin* gave to *Luffield*, the Chapel of *St. John the Baptist*, in his Court of *Lillingston*.

In the said Register *Henry Dayrell* is mentioned to hold the Tenement and Lands in *Lillingston* <sup>g</sup>, which *William* Son of *Reginald de Moreton* gave to the Monks of *Luffield*, containing 59 Selions or Ridges, and in the Field next *Sbustlemill* eleven more Selions of Land.

But notwithstanding these Tenures of the *Dayrells*, I find one *John de Foxley* disputed with them for their Lands here, I presume on a Mortgage to *Foxley*, for *Anno* 1300, 29 *Edw. I.* <sup>h</sup>, *John de Foxley* and *Constance* his Wife, and six others, impleaded *Henry Dayrell*, for the Manor of *Lillingston*, and *Henry Dayrell* was cast, for so says the Roll, that *Henricus Dayrell in Misericordia est*.

In the Fines in the County of *Buckingham*, I find *Anno* 1296, 25 *Edw. I.*, that *John de Foxley* and *Constance* his Wife, were Demandants of this Manor and Advowson, of which *Henry Dayrell* was Deforciant. But ten Years after it appears that *Henry Dayrell*, having agreed with *Foxley*, and his Wife, recovered it; for *Anno* 1306, 2 *Edw. II.*, a Fine was suffered be-

<sup>b</sup> Vide *Dugd. Bar.* Vol. I. p. 462. <sup>c</sup> *Fuller's Church History.* <sup>d</sup> *Reg. Luffield*, Fol. 136. <sup>e</sup> *Ibid.* <sup>f</sup> *Ibid.* <sup>g</sup> *Ibid.* <sup>h</sup> *Ex Placitis Assisarum in diversis Comitatus.*

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tween *John de Foxley*, and *Constance* his Wife of the Manor and Advowson of *Lillingston*, wherein they, viz. *Foxley's*, were Deforciant, and *John Dayrell* and *Joan* his Wife, Demandants.

After which we hear no more of *Foxley*, or any other Claimants; and so this Manor seems from this Time, for these 400 Years, to have acquired its other Name from this Family, by which it is at present distinguished. So I come now to speak in particular of this Family, and its Descendants, by Matches from *Hen. III's* Time: And the first I shall begin with, is the abovenamed *Henry Dayrell*, who by *Joan*, Daughter and Coheir of *John Sandford*, left Issue Sir *Ralph Dayrell*, who dying about the Year 1283, 12 *Edw. I.*, was succeeded by *Henry* his Son and Heir, who had the Dispute with *Foxley* as aforesaid, to whom succeeded the aforesaid *John Dayrell*, Father to Sir *Roger Dayrell*, by *Joan* his Wife, which Sir *Roger Dayrell* was one of the Representatives in Parliament, or Knights of this County, Anno 1388, 12 *Richard II.*, and also in the 14th and 17th Year of that King, and Anno 1399, 1 *Hen. IV.*; and by *Joan* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Agmundesham*, left Issue four Sons, viz. *John*, *Thomas*, *Nicholas*, and *Roger*, of which *John* the eldest (who died about 1415, 4 *Hen. V.*, not long after his Father) by *Eleanor* his Wife, Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas Langport*, of *Langport*, in *Stow* Parish, (who survived him many Years, she being living Anno 1472, 13 *Edw. IV.*,) had Issue *Paul Dayrell*, his eldest Son and Heir, who by his last Will and Testament, proved Anno 1491, 7 *Hen. VII.*, appointed to be buried in the Chancel of *Lillingston*, and gave ten Marks to poor People at his Burial to pray for his Soul, and made his Son *Thomas* his Executor<sup>1</sup>.

This *Paul Dayrell* married *Margaret*, Sister to *John Priset*, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Temp. *Hen. VI.*, by whom he had Issue the said *Thomas* his Son and Successor, who served the Honourable Office of High-Sheriff of this County, and that of *Bedford*, Anno 11 and 20 *Hen. VII.*, 1495 and 1504; and by his Will, dated 4 *Sept. Anno 1523*, 15 *Hen. VIII.*, directed his Body to be buried in *St. Nicholas* Church, before the High Altar in *Lillingston*, and in it makes mention of the Limitation of his Estate in Jointure to *Dorothy* his Wife, and *Margaret* his Son *Paul's* Wife; and orders his Feoffees to receive the Rents of his Manor of *Lillingston*, for the Benefit of his and his Son *Paul's* Children.

Which *Thomas Dayrell*, by *Dorothy* his Wife, Daughter of *Henry Danvers*, of *Culworth*, in the County of *Northampton*, had Issue three Sons, viz. *Paul*, *Henry*, and *Richard*, of which the eldest, *Paul*, succeeded in this Manor, and dying Anno 1556, 4 and 5 *Phil.* and *Mary*, left Issue by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of *John Cheyne* (of the very antient Family of the *Cheyne's*, of *Cheesham-Bois*) two Sons and two Daughters, of which *Paul*, the eldest, succeeded him, and *Francis*, the second, being seated at *Langport*, in *Stow* Parish, became Ancestor to the present Family now living there.

This *Francis* died and was buried at *Stow*, 22 *Oct.* 1604, and succeeded by *Edmund* his Son, who died and was buried at *Stow* aforesaid, 1 *June* 1633, and succeeded by *Abel* his Son, Father to *Edmund*, whose Son *Ed-*

<sup>1</sup> Ex Evidentiis, et Genealogia Familiae.



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*mund Dayrell* is now the Possessor of the Estate at *Langport*, in *Stow* Parish aforesaid, *Anno* 1735.

The Daughters of the aforesaid *Paul Dayrell*, were *Dorothy*, first Wife to *Walter Young*, Merchant in *London*; afterwards to *John Quarles*, and lastly to *----- Haddon*; and *Anne* married to *John Leighton*, of *Walsbury*, in *Shropshire*.

But I return now to speak of the elder Brother *Paul Dayrell*. He served the Office of High Sheriff of this County, *Anno* 1579, 22 *Eliz.* and by *Frances* his Wife, Daughter of *William Sanders*, of *Wellford*, in the County of *Northampton*, had Issue Sir *Thomas Dayrell*, his eldest Son, (who sat in the Parliaments, *Anno* 28 *Eliz.* and 1 *Jacobi*;) and *Francis*, his second Son, Progenitor to the Family of *Castle Campes*, in the County of *Cambridge*, Father to Sir *Thomas Dayrell*, of *Castle Campes* aforesaid, and also Possessor of a considerable Estate in this Parish, whose Son and Heir Sir *Marmaduke Dayrell*, dying 1729, was succeeded in his Estate here by *Francis Dayrell*, the present Possessor, *Anno* 1735.

Having thus gone through the Descendants in the younger, I return to the elder Branch, viz. Sir *Thomas Dayrell*: He married *Mary*, Daughter and Coheir of *Robert Horne*, Bishop of *Winchester*, and dying *Anno* 1617, left Issue three Sons and three Daughters, viz. *Thomas* his eldest Son, who died unmarried *Anno* 1628, being at the Time of his Death, High-Sheriff of this County; *Peter*, his second Son, *Henry*, his third Son, and *Mary*, Wife of Sir *Henry St. George*, Garter Principal King of Arms; and *Rebecca*, Wife to *Henry Owen*, a Pursuivant. Which *Peter Dayrell* married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Anthony Pratt*, and dying, *Anno* 1677, aged 53, was buried here with his Ancestors, leaving Issue five Sons and three Daughters; viz. *Thomas*, his eldest Son, who dying unmarried, was succeeded by *Peter*, the second Son; but he dying without Issue, *Anno* 1670, this Estate came to *Anthony* the third Son, Rector of this Parish, whose Issue male failing, it came on *Thomas* his only Son's Death, *Anno* 1685, to his Brother *Paul Dayrell*, the 4th Son; but he dying 1690, without Issue, was succeeded by his youngest Brother *Richard Dayrell*, Citizen of *London*, who by *Frances* his Wife, Daughter of *George Tucker*, of *Crawford*, in *Kent*, left Issue three Sons and one Daughter, viz. *Peter*, the eldest, who succeeded his Father *Anno* 1704, but dying unmarried June 17, 1725, was succeeded by *Thomas* his next Brother and Heir, Rector of this Parish, who died seized hereof, 22 Feb. 1729, and by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of the Rev. Mr. *Stephen Townsend*, Rector of *Preston*, left Issue one only Child, viz. Mr. *Richard Dayrell*, a Minor, who is now, *Anno* 1735, the present Lord of this Manor. The third Son of Mr. *Richard Dayrell* is *Paul*, living *Anno* 1735, unmarried, and the Daughter is *Frances*, Wife to *William Dayrell*, Citizen of *London*, a younger Son of the antient Family of *Dayrell*, of *Cornwall*, who is also still surviving, *Anno* 1735.

By an Inquisition, taken Sept. 22, *Anno* 1559, 1 *Eliz.* it is set forth, that *Paul Dayrell* died 25 May, *Anno* 1556, 3 and 4 *Phil.* and *Mary*, seized of *Lillingston Dayrell* Manor, one Messuage, five Cottages, and one Thousand Acres of Land, which he held of *Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*, one Messuage and

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and Eighty Acres of Land in *Twyford*, which he held of *Richard Worman*, Esquire.

One Messuage, twenty Acres, and a Dovehouse, which he held in *Lek-hampsted*, of *Michael Harscourt*, Esq. and one Messuage, and eighty five Acres in *Foncote*; but of whom the last were held, they were ignorant.

This Manor, as I am informed, pays no Acknowledgment to any Lord, and the Advowson of the Rectory has been appendant to it, and in the Patronage of the *Dayrells*, for 500 Years, who have resided here 18 Generations.

This Parish contains about 1500 Acres, is bounded South by *Akeley*, West by *Syresbarn*, and *Sibbeston*, in *Northamptonshire*; North by *Lillingston Adagna* alias *Lovel*, in *Oxfordshire*; and East by *Lekhamsted*. The Number of Families are 20, and of Souls about 105. It was assessed to the Land Tax 1601. 14s. 1d. Anno 1712.

The Rectory was valued at 100s. Anno 1291, 20 Edw. 1, deducting two Marks and an half, paid out of it to the Priory of *Newnton-Longueville*. It is charged for First-fruits, Anno 1534, 26 Hen. VIII, at 7l. 9s. 7d. and was returned to be worth 80l. per Annum.

Mrs. *Frances Wilkes*, Daughter of *Peter Dayrell*, Esq. Sister to the late Mr. *Richard Dayrell*, dying Anno 1674, left the Interest of 20l. to which her Husband Mr. *Matthew Wilkes* of *Leighton-Bozard* added 20l. more to it, to cloath annually two poor Women of this Parish.

Mrs. *Elizabeth Dayrell*, Wife to *Peter Dayrell*, the second, elder Brother to the late Mr. *Richard Dayrell*, gave 50l. the Interest to go at the End of every five Years, to put out Apprentices a poor Man's Child, born in *Wedlock*, in this Parish.

Having done with the Charities given to the Parish, I come now to exhibit the Terrier of the Rectory, which was given in Anno 1639, *Samuel Wastall* being then Rector, at which Time the Church-wardens certified, "That they know of no Glebe Lands, only the Parsonage House itself, and round about it a Garden and Yard of 36 Poles, or thereabouts, in Compass."

N. B. This being too cramped a Place for the Minister, it was changed for a very good House in the Town, in the late Rector Mr. *Thomas Dayrell's* Time, and the old Rectory House was given up to the Family; this is still standing in the middle of the Close, by the Capital House of the *Dayrells*, which is a large Roomy House, and has been handsomely fitted up, within these few Years; But besides this Manor House, Sir *Marmaduke Dayrell*, who died Anno 1712, has also for the most Part rebuilt for his Family, a good Seat of Brick, which stands half a Mile or better from the Church, and the Manor House; as has Mr. *Thomas Atterbury*, Alderman of *Buckingham*, also built a neat House in this Parish, where he has purchased Lands of 100l. per Annum.

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*Annum.* But this Estate having been purchased by the present *Francis Dayrell* of *Cambridgehire*, Esq. it is made a Farm or Dairy House.

The Church, which is dedicated to *St. Nicholas*, consists of a Body, South Ile and Chancel, which are tiled; at the West End is a Tower coped and covered with Lead, flat at Top, in which hang three modern Bells.

Here was, as appears by the walling up of the Arches between the Pillars, a North Ile agreeable to the South Ile, which was taken down to repair the Church, at which Time the Lead was taken off the South Ile, and the upper Windows stopp'd up, and the Roof raised over them, and tiled, to the great Deformity of the Church, which was regular before.

Here are no painted Glass or Inscriptions in the Church: but in the Chancel are several, which I come now to describe.

In the Middle of the Area of the Chancel is a raised Tomb, thereon the Effigies of a Man and Woman in full Proportion. The whole composed of Free-stone on the Sides these Arms:

1. *A Lion rampant crowned, impaling three Birds Heads, on a Bend; in Chief a Mullet.* 2. *A Lion rampant, also impaling Party per Chevron, three Elephants Heads.* 3d and 4th the same quartered together.

On the South Side, the Effigies of several Children, and this Inscription:

Hic *Dorothea* jacet, numerosa prole beata,  
Conjugibus Conjux associata tribus.  
Otia vitavit, Luxum, Vitamque remissam,  
Pauperibus magnas undique sparsit opes:  
Officiosa Deo vixit, Mundoque probata,  
Juncta Deo Mens est unde provecta fuit.  
Filius *Haddonis* Matri Funebria scripsi,  
Carmina quæ studiis, adfuit una meis.

On the opposite North Side, these Verses in *English*:

Here *Dorothy* doth lie, with many Children blest,  
Who sure to Husbands three, a faithful Wife did rest.  
That Idleness and careless Life did shun, and lov'd no Waste,  
Whose liberal Purse the Poor yet every where did taste.  
God's Servant here she liv'd, of whom the World said well,  
Her Soul and whence it came, with God is gone to dwell.  
This Epitaph I *Haddon* wrote upon my Mother's Grave,  
Whose only Help did give by Learning all I have.

*July 22, Anno 1571.*

*N. B.* She was Daughter of *Paul Dayrell*, the second of that Name, who died *Anno 1556*, 3 and 4 *Phil.* and *Mary*, and married three Husbands as aforesaid, viz. *Walter Yonge*, *John Quarles*, and ——— *Haddon*, by whom she had the famous Doctor *Walter Haddon*, of whom, see an Account

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in *A. Wood's Athenæ*, *Tanner's Bibliotheca de Scriptoribus*, &c. he, viz. *Walter Haddon* was Fellow of *King's College, Cambridge*, a great Reformer in *Queen Elizabeth's* Time, and Author of several poetical Epitaphs, as may be seen in *Stow's Survey of London*. He died *Anno 1571-2*, half an Year after his Mother, and was buried in *Christ Church, London*.

On the North Side the Chancel Wall is a Stone under an Arch, but no Inscription on it.

On the South Side, is a plain raised Altar Tomb, on the Top the Effigies of a Man and Woman in Brass, with this Inscription in antient Characters:

*Hic jacet Paulus Dayrell, Armiger, et Margareta Uxor ejus, qui quidem Paulus obiit Vicesimo nono Die Maii 1491. Cujus Anime propitiatur Deus, Amen.*

Over it a small Compartment affixt to the Wall, with these Arms,

*Three Bars charged with six Cinquefoils, viz. three, two, and one, underneath the Arms, this Inscription:*

“ Here lyeth the Body of *Paul Dayrell*, of this Parish of *Lillingston*  
 “ *Dayrell*, in the County of *Bucks*, Esq. who was the 26th Heir of  
 “ the Family. He departed this Life the 21st Day of *May 1690*.  
 “ He married two Wives, by the former he left one Daughter named  
 “ *Frances*. He took for the second Wife, *Mary*, Daughter of *Elia Palmer*,  
 “ Esq. sometime Surveyor General of the Customs of *England* and *Wales*,  
 “ afterwards Surveyor General of his Majesty's Ordnances, Arms,  
 “ and Ammunition, in the Tower of *London*, by whom he left no  
 “ Issue, so that the Inheritance descended to his surviving Brother  
 “ *Richard Dayrell*, Esq.  
 “ His sorrowful Relict, *Mary Dayrell*, in Remembrance of him, her  
 “ dear Husband, hath caused this Monument to be erected at her own  
 “ Charge.”

Over the aforementioned Arch, in the North Wall, is on another Marble Compartment, this Inscription:

*Mrs. Elizabeth Dayrell*, the last Wife of *Peter Dayrell*, of *Lillingston Dayrell*, Esq. and Daughter of *John Wigsted*, of *Cambridge*, Esq. did give 50*l.* in Money, 1679, the Interest thereof, for putting out a poor Man's Child, at the End of every five Years, born in Wedlock in this Parish, to be put out by the Church-warden and Overseers.

On a Grave-stone the Effigies of a Man in Brass, with this Inscription, on a small Brass Plate;

*Sub Pede jacet Dominus Richardus Blakelee, quondam Rector istius Ecclesie, qui obiit sexto Die Aprilis MCCCCLXXXIII. Cujus Anime propitiatur Deus. Amen.*

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On the North Side, within the Communion Ralls, a raised Altar Tomb wainscoted round with Cedar, and covered at Top with a Marble, whereon these Arms:

1. *Paly of four, in Chief, three Cinquesfoyles.* 2. *A Cheuron charged with three Birds Heads craxed,* 3d as 1st. 4th as 2d.

On another Coat the same Arms, impaling *Dayrell*, and this Inscription:

" Under this Marble Stone in a Coffin of Cedar Wood, intombed in  
 " Brick, lieth the Body of Mrs. *Frances Wilkes*, Wife of *Matthew*  
 " *Wilkes* of *Leighton*, in *Bedfordshire*, Gentleman, and Daughter of  
 " *Peter Dayrell*, of this Place, Esq. she departed this Life, in the  
 " *Pond Close House* of her Husband's Foundation, Dec. 14, 1674,  
 " and hath left a double Remembrance of her Piety to God, and her  
 " Charity to the Poor of this Town, confirmed and enlarged by her  
 " said Husband."

Round the Communion Table, this carved in the Front:

" *Samuel Wastall*, in Artibus Magister, Ecclesiae dedit Anno Domini 1633."

Under the Communion Table on a Stone, this.

" Hic quiescit Corpus *Galehmi Cade*, in Artibus Magistri, et hujus Ecclesiae  
 " 50 Annos Rectoris, qui postquam omnibus boni Pastoris Officiis fe-  
 " liciter perfunctus esset, Anno Aetatis suae 79, Annoque Domini  
 " 1635, 20 Die *Novembris*, placide mortuus, immortalis factus fuit."

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*Philp* occurs Rector here in old Evidences, about the Year 1198, 9 Ric. I, and also Anno 1208, as does

*William de Wechampssted*, or *Lekhampssted*, about Anno 1226.

*Laurence Dayrell* was presented to this Rectory, Anno 1233, 17 Hen. III, by *Henry Dayrell*.

*Ralph Tingwikk*, was instituted 16 Cal. Jan. Anno 1267, 51 Hen. III, on the Death of *Laurence Dayrell*, on the Presentation of Sir *Ralph Dayrell*.

*William de Northburgh* was instituted Cal. Aug. Anno 1328, 2 Edw. III, on the Death of *Ralph* last Rector, on the Presentation of *John Dayrell*, Lord of *Lillingston Dayrell*. He exchanged it for *Adstock* with

*John de Wickham*, 5 Cal. Decemb. Anno 1359, 33 Edw. III. The next I find is

*Thomas Todde*, on whose Death Anno 1372, 46 Edw. III, Edw.

*John Martin*, was instituted Mar. 3, Anno 1372, 46 Hen. III, on the Presentation of *Roger Dayrell*. He exchanged it for *Spratton*, in the County of *Northampton*, with

*John de Adstock*, March 5, 1375, 59 Edw. III. He exchanged it for *Clifton on Dunsmore*, in the County of *Warwick*, with

*John*

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*John Malesherwes*, 2 Nov. *Oct.* Anno 1375, 49 *Edw.* III, the same Year. He exchanged it for *Spratton*, with his Predecessor before mentioned, viz.

*John Martin*, who became instituted a second Time, and re-accepted this again, 14 *Cal.* April, Anno 1377, 51 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of his former Patron, *Roger Dayrell*. He exchanged it for *Whiston*, in the County of *Northampton*, with

*Henry Poleyn*, Jan. 6, Anno 1381, 4 *Ric.* II. He exchanged it for *All Saints Irillingburgh*, in Co. *Northampton*, with

*John Alban*, July 8, Anno 1384, 7 *Ric.* II. He changed it for *Rothemborp*, Co. *Northampton*, with

*John Benet*, July 20, Anno 1386, 9 *Ric.* II. He exchanged it for *Battlefen*, or *Badlesden*, Co. *Bedford*, with

*John Spaward*, *Oct.* 23, Anno 1388, 11 *Ric.* II, who became presented by *Roger Dayrell*. He exchanged it for *Hulcote*, with

*Henry Prybke*, April 6, Anno 1391, 14 *Ric.* II, and he became presented by *Roger Dayrell*; so here were nine Rectors in 22 Years. He died Anno 1409, 10 *Hen.* IV, and was succeeded by

*John Bagot*, instituted March 3, Anno 1409, 10 *Hen.* IV, on the Presentation *Rogeri Dayrell*, *Scutiferi*, as he is styled.

*John Moreton* succeeded Dec. 21, Anno 1417, 5 *Hen.* V, on the Death of *Bagot*, on the Presentation of *John Dayrell*.

*William Wright*, was instituted Nov. 30, Anno 1441, 19 *Hen.* VI, on the Resignation of *John* last Rector, at the Presentation of *Nicholas Dayrell*, Esq. I presume this was the same with

*William Durant*. On his Resignation, Anno 1452, 30 *Hen.* VI,

*Thomas Taylor*, was instituted Jan. 24, Anno 1452, 30 *Hen.* VI, on the Presentation of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. His Successor was

*Richard Blakesley*, instituted *Oct.* 2, Anno 1473, 13 *Edw.* IV, on the Presentation of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. He died and was buried here, with an Epitaph in the Chancel before given, and was succeeded by

*Robert Risley*, instituted June 8, Anno 1491, on the Presentation of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. He died and was succeeded by

*Robert Lammos*, instituted Feb. 27, Anno 1493, 3 *Hen.* VII, on the Presentation of *Thomas Dayrell*. His Successor was

*Edward Crankwell* instituted June 12, Anno 1522, 15 *Hen.* VIII, on the Presentation of *Thomas Dayrell*. By his last Will, dated Anno 1556, 3 and 4 *Phil.* and *Mary*. He directed his Body to be buried in the Chancel, and ordered five Masses to be celebrated annually for his Soul. He died and was buried here, and succeeded by

*George Dayrell*, Anno 1556, 3 and 4 *Philip* and *Mary*, on whose Resignation

*Hugh Prichard* became instituted *Oct.* 9, Anno 1577, 19 *Eliz.* on the Presentation of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. He resigned it Anno 1582, and was succeeded by

*George Meddop* instituted June 15, Anno 1582, on the Presentation of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. He resigned it, Anno 1584, and was succeeded by

*William*

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*William Cade*, A.M. instituted *Feb. 16, 1584*, on the Presentation of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. He died and was buried here, as appears by the Register, *Nov. 28, Anno 1635*, and succeeded by

*Samuel Wastell*, A. M. *Anno 1635*, he was buried here *Anno 1655*, and succeeded by

*Anthony Dayrell*, third Son of *Peter Dayrell*, Esq. *Anno 1656*. He was buried here, *Nov. 30, Anno 1676*, and succeeded by

*William Lea*, A. M. *April 21, Anno 1677*. He was buried here, *30 April, Anno 1708*, and succeeded by

*Edward Hinton*, A. M. Student of *Christ Church, Oxford*, instituted *Aug. 27, 1708*, on the Presentation of *Peter Dayrell*, Esq. He resigned *Anno 1712*, and was succeeded by

*Michael Hutchinsohn*, S.T.P. instituted *July 12, Anno 1712*. He likewise resigned it, holding it in Trust for his Successor,

*Thomas Dayrell*, A. M. instituted *July 13, Anno 1715*, on the Presentation of his Brother *Peter Dayrell*, Esq. He died *Feb. 27, Anno 1729*, and was buried here, and succeeded by

*Robert Crosley*, A. M. instituted *20 May, Anno 1730*. He died in about eight Months, and was buried at *Ashton*, in the County of *Northampton*; and succeeded by

*Samuel Hiccocks*, A. B. who dying soon after, was buried, *Feb. 6, 1730*, in the Church-yard here; and succeeded by

*Charles Halford*, L.L.B. instituted *Feb. 27, 1730*, who is *Anno 1735*, the present Rector, and also Rector of *Radcliffe*, and Fellow of *New College, Oxon.*

The Register begins *Anno 1584, 26 Eliz.* whence I took these Entries:

### MARRIAGES.

*Timothy Egerton*. and *Anne Dayrell*, *May 2, 1609.*

*Henry St George*, and *Mary Dayrell*, *May 15, 1614.*

*Mr. Wilks*, Merchant of *London*, and *Mrs. Frances Dayrell*, *Oct. 11, 1642.*

### BIRTHS.

*Mary*, Daughter of *Thomas Dayrell*, *August 8, 1585.*

*Henry*, Son of *Thomas Dayrell*, *1586.*

*John*, Son of *Thomas Dayrell*, Esq. *1588.*

*Paul*, *May 30, 1591.* *Rebecca*, *1592.* *Robert*, *1593.* *Nathanael*, *1596,* Children of *Thomas Dayrell*, Esq.

*Mary*, Daughter of *Peter Dayrell*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Nov. 9, 1628.*

*Eleanor*, their Daughter, *Nov. 18, 1630.*

*Richard Dayrell*, *1633.*

*Thomas*, Son of *Anthony Dayrell*, *1663.*

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Edward Bate*, Esq. *1674.*

*Richard*, Son of *William Lea*, Rector, *1679.*

### BURIALS.

*Richard Dayrell*, *March 16, 1585.*

*Mary*, Daughter of *Thomas Dayrell*, *March 13, 1588.*

*Frances,*

- Frances*, Wife of *Paul Dayrell*, Esq. *May 22, 1606.*  
*Paul Dayrell*, Sept. 16, 1606.  
*Sir Thomas Dayrell*, Knt. *March 12, 1617.*  
*Dame Margaret Dayrell*, his Widow, *April 12, 1618.*  
*Thomas Dayrell*, Esq. *May 12, 1628.* He was High Sheriff of this County, at his Death.  
*Peter Dayrell*, Esq. *Feb. 23, 1670.*  
*Thomas Dayrell*, Esq. *Aug. 10, 1685.*  
*Peter Dayrell*, Esq. *June 17, 1725.*  
*Mrs. Thomas Dayrell*, Rector of this Parish, *Feb. 24, 1729.*

## LUFFIELD,

**I**N the Extremity of this Parish, (partly in this County, but mostly in *Northamptonshire*.) *Robert Bossue*, Earl of *Leicester*, about the Year 1124, 24 *Hen. I.* founded a Priory of *Benedictine Monks*, at a Place called *Luffield*, (i. e. *Ager amabilis*, or *Lovelyfield*, from its Situation) and dedicated it to the Honour of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*.

Which having been treated of in my second Volume of *Abbies*, and also in *Stevens's additional Supplement to the Monasticon*, Vol. I. p. 498, &c.

And forasmuch as the Church of this Convent was in *Silveston* Parish in *Northamptonshire*, and so the Mandate for Induction of the Priors, being always directed to the Archdeacon of *Northampton*, in which Jurisdiction, the Registers of the Bishop of *Lincoln* placing it, excludes it this County of *Buckingham*; yet, as it has some Relation thereto, I shall at the End of the Account of this Parish, observe, that notwithstanding it was endowed with Lands in almost all the neighbouring Parishes; yet the Income or Revenues of it were so sunk, that there was by Letters Patent, even in *Edward the III'd's* Time, about the Year 1330, a License to endow it farther, for its better Support, and enable it to receive an additional Income of 10 *l. per Annum*, to pray for the King's good Estate while living, and for his Soul, when dead, and for the Soul of *Sir John Grey*, (who, I presume was the Donor of this Augmentation;) and also *Anno 1457, 35 Hen. VI.* it was fallen to such a low Estate, that there was an Attempt made to unite it to *Magdalen College* in *Oxford*; but this not being put in Execution, there was, *Anno 1494, 9 Hen. VII.* a Bull obtained from Pope *Alexander the IVth.* (which see printed in *Collier's Ecclesiastical History*, *Rymer's Foedera*, and *Stevens's Monasticon*) to annex it to *Windfor College*, on Account of its Poverty, it not being able to maintain a Prior and two Monks; but the King, changing his Mind, gave it, *Anno 1500*, to *Westminster Abbey*, and so it was confirmed to that Convent by Pope *Julius II.* *Anno 1504*, and became Part of the

See *Tanner's Notitia Monastica*, the Folio Edition, p. 376.

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Possessions thereof, till the general Dissolution of Monasteries; after which it was, Anno 1551, granted by Edward VI, to Sir Nicholas Throgmorton, whose Son and Successor Sir Arthur Throgmorton, dying Anno 1626, and leaving only Daughters, it came in Marriage by Anne his second Daughter, to Sir Peter Temple, and so descending to the Family of the Temples, continues now the Property of the Right Hon. Sir Richard Temple, Baronet, Lord Viscount Cobham, Anno 1735.

The Estates this religious House was possessed of being recited in the Demise of it, Anno 1513, 4 Henry VIII, to William Tylaur, or Tylor, for 33 Years, I shall here specify its Endowments, particularly those in this County of Buckingham. There were besides 126 Acres of Pasture, and 70 and an half Acres of Wood in Luffield. (partly in this, but more so, as already hinted, in Northamptonshire,) a Toft and 15s. Rent in Lullingston, or Lillingston Dayrell; and in Bechampton, a Messuage, Toft, and half a Yard of Arable Land; an Acre and half of Pasture; and 10s. Rent, and a Mediety of the Advowson of the Church there; In Thornborough, nine Messuages, half a Yard Land of Arable, twelve Acres of Pasture, three Roods of Meadow 1 l. 1 s. 1 d. Rent, and the Advowson of the Church of Thornborough; two Shillings Rent in Bucks; sixteen Pence Rent in Chalkmore; six Acres and 6s. 8 d. Rent in Langport; the Advowson of St. Nicholas Chapel, in Everfew; a Cottage ten Acres and a half, and a Rood of Pasture in Everfew: One Messuage and a Toft, six Yard Land, three Acres of Pasture, and 6s. 10 d. Rent in Shalfston; a Cottage, eight Acres of Land an Acre of Pasture, and 6 d. Rent in Westbury; 12 d. Rent in Stony Stratford; the Advowson of the Church of Water Stratford, which Premises were all in this County, and granted together with all Advowsons and Appurtenances, &c. which Thomas Rowland last Prior was seized of in Right of his House, and all other Appurtenances thereto belonging, particularly all that appertained thereunto in Dedford, in the County of Northampton, with the Advowson of that Church, and Rents of 2 l. 8 s. 4 d. and in Silveston Rents of 6 l. 10 s. 11 d. and whatever else this Convent was possessed of there, and in all other Places.

The Premises thus demised as appears by a Rental about ten Years before the Dissolution, and Union of it to Westminster, did not exceed 22 l. per Annum, which being, as before observed, so small an Income, makes it apparent, that this Convent could not have subsisted itself; had there been no general Dissolution of Monasteries; and indeed it was the Case of so many other religious Houses, that without Henry VIIIth's Suppression of them, near two Parts in three must have been sunk, as they could not have continued to maintain their Pounder's Institutions, or even have scarcely supported their Fabricks. For having been tied up to their original ancient Payments and Compositions made between their Tenants and them, and fixing their Rents according to the Value Money then bore, which began to yield little in respect of what the Value of Things encreased to, in Process of Time, their Rents were become so inconsiderable, as to be of little Benefit to them; though this House had these several Benefactions bestowed on

on it, viz. the Church of *Dodford*, in the County of *Northampton*, which was given by *Ralph de Caignes* or *Keynes*, with considerable Lands there, the Church of *Thornborough*, by *Hamon*, Son of *Mainfelin*, a Mediety or alternate Presentation to the Church of *Bechampton*, by *Ralph Fitz Nigell*; the Church of *Water Stratford*, by *William* Son of *William de Stratford*; the Chapel of *St. John Baptist*, in *Lillingston*, by *Hugh de St. Martin*; the Chapel of *St. Nicholas* in *Everfew*, by *Robert*, Archdeacon of *Buckingham*; the Chapel of *Salden*, with two Parts of the Tenths of his Demesnes there, by *Robert Fitz Nigell*, with many other Donations, which being exhibited in the *Monasticon*, Vol. i. p. 520. I shall thither refer, and also for a List of the Priors, &c. to the aforementioned second Volume of *Abbies*, p. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. and in *Stevens's* Supplement to the *Monasticon* aforecited, to which List I can only add the Date of the Election of *William Horwood*, the 16th Prior, which was 7 Cal. Julii, Anno 1349, 23 Edw. III, on the Death of his Predecessor *William de Skelton*, and that Prior *William Rogers*, was succeeded, July 29, Anno 1487, or Anno 1488, 3 Hen. VII, by *Thomas Rowland*, the last Prior, who surrendered it A. D. 1494.

When I visited this Place, I was informed it was extraparochial, and belonged to *Westminster Abbey*, and that on the Division of the Bounds of the Counties, the greatest Part was included in *Silveston* Parish, Co. *Northampton*; and the rest in *Lillingston Dayrell*. Here was then nothing remaining whatsoever of the Priory Edifices, except a Piece of the Wall of the Tower. I measured from this Tower ruins, the supposed Dimensions of the Church, which appeared to be about 80 Foot in Length, and 30 in Breadth; they informed me, that by Tradition there were five Bells in the Tower, and that they were carried to *Paulers Perry*, on the first Bell of which Church I met with this Inscription, *Santa Maria, Ora pro nobis*; and so it might possibly have been brought from hence.

At some Distance in the *Northamptonshire* Side, is a Tenant's House, and on the *Buckinghamshire* Side, an old Chapel turned into a Dwelling House, which was the Chapel of *St. Thomas Becket*, given by the *Dayrell* Family aforespoken of in *Lillingston*. It is assessed to the Land Tax, and all other Parish Rates, with the Lords of *Stow's* Demesnes, as they are Proprietors of this Estate; whose Tenants, in digging about this old Tower, in the Year 1732, they there found (which was shewn me *Off.* 11, 1733,) an old Grave-stone, like the Lid of a Stone Coffin, in the middle of which was a Cross of Brass Flory infixed, and these Arms engraven, viz. *Two Bars, in Chief, three Martlets*. Here were Letters round the Verge, enchased in Brass, which being pick'd out, and lying dispersedly, nothing could be made out or conjectured from those loose Letters, who it belonged to; but I suppose it was laid over one of the Priors, probably Prior *William Horwood*, in whose Time the Choir of this Church was new roofed and leaded about the Year 1380, or Prior *John Horwood's* Time, who was admitted a Monk of this Convent Anno 1367, and died Prior thereof 1419.

Though I may be excused enlarging farther about this Priory, (as only Part of it, as aforementioned, is situate in this County of *Buckingham*) yet I cannot omit observing, (because it is what will be rarely found in like Grants of such antient Date, and what I have no where else observed before *Edward* the First's Reign,) viz. that on the Monks here obtaining, *Anno* 1230, 14 *Hen.* III, a Charter for a Fair to be held at their Monastery, it was appointed on a different Day from the Dedication of their Conventual Church, viz. on the *Eve, Festival, and Morrow of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*; and not on the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, their tutelar Saint: The Veneration for their Patron Saints being formerly of such Esteem in all Places, that the Neglect of celebrating their Anniversaries was looked upon highly irreligious and criminal<sup>b</sup>. And so it was not thought safe at the Reformation to lay aside this primitive Custom; but a Provision was made for continuing it, as we are told in Bishop *Kennet's Parochial Antiquities*, and other Authorities, from which I beg Leave to subjoin the following Extracts:

*Anno* 1536, 27 *Hen.* VIII, Injunctions were given, that the Dedication Day of Churches should be celebrated in all Places, the first Sunday in *October* for ever; so that where such *Wakes* are kept on the first or second Sunday in *October*, we may presume, that they are irregularly observed.

But as to those *Wakes*, that are precedent to *Michaelmas*, or distant from that time, we may believe that they have continued in their particular Relation to their proper Saint, and been no further removed than to the immediate Sunday following.

For whenever the Sunday *Wakes* are guided by a foregoing Festival, we may be satisfied, the Church was dedicated to the Saint of that Day. See *Kennet's Parochial Antiquities*, p. 611.

It was the Opinion of Sir *Henry Spelman*, that Fairs were first ordained by the Resort of People, for solemnizing some Festival, and especially the Feast of the Church's Dedication, and from thence he thinks it easy to conjecture to what Saint the Church had been recommended, by the Fair Day.

In most of the Towns or Parishes, the old stationary Fairs depend much on the Saint of the Church. Thus the primitive antient Fair in *Oxford*, was on *St. Frideswide's Day*; because it was the Dedication Day of the principal or chief Church of that Place, and likewise at *Buckingham*, for the same Reason, on *St. Peter's Day*.

I have met with an Order of the Bishop of *Lincoln*, to celebrate the Dedications of the Churches and Chapels in his Diocese.

A Mandat from the Bishop of *Bath and Wells*, was issued by Letters through his Diocese, that according to the Custom of the Holy Fathers, Oblations should be made in the Churches on the Day of their Dedication, as on the Festival of our Lord's Nativity.

*Anno* 1316, *Temp.* *Edw.* II. the Bishop of *Bath and Wells*, dedicated the Church of *Burnham* in *Somersetshire*, to the Honour of the Blessed Saint *Andrew*; and that that Feast of Dedication should be annually celebrated, he granted an Indulgence of 40 Days to all true Penitents, which should resort to that Church, on the Dedication Day.

<sup>b</sup> See Page 173. in *Chetwood*.

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In the late printed Life of Bishop *Peacock* of *Chichester*, Anno 1744, p. 328. is a Reference to a Sermon printed in the Year 1499, preach'd on the Dedication Day of the Church, or Church-Holy Day or Wake, by which it farther appears how this Custom was kept up before the Reformation.

### MAIDS MORETON.

**S**O called (as some will have it) from its Moorish Situation, that is the *Town in the Moors*. The Appellation of *Maids* is, as Tradition goes, from the two *Maiden Sisters*, of famous Memory, Foundresses of the present Fa-brick of the Church. In *Doomsday Book* it is thus described:

*Terra Walteri Giffard, in Stofield Hundred.*

*In Moretone tenet Thurstinus de Walterio ii Hidas. Terra est ii Carucatarum, et ibi est una et dimid. et dimidium potest fieri. Ibi ii Villani, et iv Bordarii: Pratum ii Carucatarum. Valet 30 s. quando recepit 10 s. Tempore Regis Edwardi 20 s.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Ulvaricus, Filius Godini, et vendere potuit.*

*In eadem Villa tenet isdem Turstinus de Walterio, iv Hidas pro uno Manerio. Terra est iv Carucatarum, in Dominio sunt ii, et alie ii possunt fieri. Ibi i Villanus, cum iii Bordariis. Pratum iv Carucatarum, valet 4 l. quando recepit 2 l. Tempore Regis Edwardi 60 s.*

*De hoc Manerio tenuit Alric Filius Godini, ii Hidas pro uno Manerio; et Sinuward Homo Azor, Filius Toti, dimidium Hida tenuit, et dare, et vendere potuit.*

*Thurstin* holds two Hides of *Walter Giffard* in *Moreton*. The Arable is two Carucates, and there is one and an half, and another half can be made. There are two Copyholders, and four Cottagers. Meadow sufficient for two Carucates. It is worth 30 s. when he received 10 s. In King *Edward's* Time 20 s.

*Ulvaric* Son of *Goding*, held this Manor, and could sell it.

In the same Village *Thurstin* holds of *Walter Giffard* four Hides for one Manor. The Arable is four Carucates two are in *Deimesne*, and two others can be made. There is one Copyholder, with three Cottagers. Meadow sufficient for four Carucates. It is worth 4 l. when he received 2 l. in King *Edward's* Time 3 l.

Of this Manor *Alric* Son of *Godin* held two Hides for one Manor, and *Sinuward*, *Azor's* Tenant, Son of *Toti*, held half an Hide, and could give it away, or sell it.

*Terra Leuvini de Neweham.*

*In Moretone tenet Leuvinus v Hidas pro i Manerio. Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio ii Hidas, et ibi est dimidium Carucatæ, et alia et dimidium potest fieri. Ibi iii Villani, et ii Bordarii, cum i Carucat. et dimidio, et adhuc dimidium potest fieri. Ibi v Servi et Molendinum de 10s. Pratum ii Carucatarum, in totis Valentis, valet et valuit semper 40 s.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit istemet tempore Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

*Leuvin de Newbam* holds five Hides in *Moreton*, for one Manor. There are two Hides in Demesne, and there is half a Carucate, and another half can be made out. There are three Copyholders, and two Cottagers, with one Carucate, and an half, and another half can be made. There are five Servants, and a Mill of 10s. Value. Meadow sufficient for two Carucates. In the whole it is worth, and was always worth 40 s.

This Manor he himself held in King *Edward's* Time, and could sell it.

Of the Possessors of these two Manors, viz. *Walter Giffard*, the first Earl of *Buckingham*, and *Lewin de Newbam*, I come now to speak.

This first Manor of this Place belonging to the *Giffards*, after the Death of *Walter Giffard*, the second Earl of *Buckingham*, Anno 1164, (he dying without Issue Male) passed to his Heirs general; and became the Property of *Richard de Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester*, who assumed also the Title of Earl of *Buckingham*, but the Issue Male of the *Clares* likewise failing, this Manor descended to *Hugh de Audley*, by Marriage of *Isabel*, Sister and Coheir of *Gilbert de Clare*; for I find him possessed hereof, *Tempore Edw. III.* in which Reign it came to *Ralph Stafford*, by Marriage of *Margery*, Daughter and Heir of the said *Hugh Audley*; and he died seized thereof, Anno 1371, 45 *Edw. III.* and was succeeded by his Son *Hugh Stafford*, Earl of *Stafford*, and he on his Death Anno 1403, 4 *Hen. IV.* by *Edmund Stafford*, Brother to *William Stafford* slain in the Battle of *Shrewsbury*<sup>a</sup>, who was returned to have held a Leet here, *Tempore Hen. IV.* as was also, in the same Reign, one *Hugh Greenbam*, and that he held a Manor here of the Honour of *Glocester*, Anno 1408, 9 *Hen. IV.* to whom, I presume, succeeded *William Greenbam* his Son, for he is returned Anno 1422, 1 *Hen. VI.* to die seized of *Moreton Manor*<sup>b</sup>, after which I presume it escheating to the Crown, King *Hen. VI.* by Letters Patent, dated 17 May 1442<sup>c</sup>, granted it to *All Souls College* in *Oxford*; for I find a Conveyance made to the said College of the Manor in *Moreton juxta Bucks.* called *Greenbam's Manor*, Ex Dimissione *Robert Somery*, Anno 1442 as aforesaid, which they are the present Possessors of, Anno 1735.

The other Manor of *Leuvinus de Newbam*, seems in *Hen. Ist's* Reign to have come to the *Doylys*, for I find in the *Monasticon*, that *Robert Doyly*, the Founder of *Osney Abbey*, gave to that Convent, Anno 1129, the Church

<sup>a</sup> Vide Escheats.

<sup>b</sup> Ex Archivis in Turr. London.

<sup>c</sup> Rot. Patent. Anno 20 *Hen. VI.*

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of *Stow*, with the whole Village of *Stow*,<sup>d</sup> and the Chapel of *Moreton*; and in the Register of *Oseney*, in the Archives of *Christ Church, Oxford*, I find a Grant of two Hides, in *Moreton*, by *Robert Doyly*, to *Oseney* Monastery, which was confirmed by *Maud* the Empress, King *Hen. II.*, and King *John*, in whose Reign this Manor was possessed by Persons hence denominated; for I meet with *William de Moreton*, and *Reginald*, Son to *William de Moreton*, and *William*, Son of *Reginald*, in *Hen. II.*, *K. John*, and *Hen. III.*'s Reign, seized hereof; and in the last King's Time, as may be seen in the *Monasticon*, Vol. ii. p. 142. we find that *Matthew de Stratton*, Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, (who died *Anno* 1268, and willed to be buried in *Oseney* Abbey,) gave by Charter his whole Court of *Moreton*, which he had given him by *William*, Son of *Reginald de Moreton*. But I will give the Words of the Register of *Oseney*, which informs us, that *Matthew Stratton*,<sup>e</sup> Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, granted to *Oseney*, "Totam Curiam suam de *Moreton*, quam habuit ex concessione *Willhelmi Fitz Reginald*," which he held of *William de Moreton*.

And that *Robert de Moreton*, Son and Heir of *William Fitz Reginald*, Knight, confirmed the same.

These *Moretons* I find mentioned in Deeds *Anno* 1246, 30 *Hen. III.*, in the Register of *Luffield*. To which Convent they were Benefactors, by giving a Mark a Year, in *Lillingston [Dayrell]* to the Monks of *Luffield*.

After the Dissolution of *Oseney* Abbey, *Anno* 1541, 32 *Hen. VIII.* (which had, *Anno* 1291, in Temporalities here, *Edw. I.* & *Edw. II.*.) I find a Grant of this Manor, to *Christ Church* College, in *Oxford*, which that College, *Anno* 1735, are the present Lords of.

Lessee Tenant to both these Colleges, *viz. Christ Church* and *All Souls*, was *Edward Bate* Esq. Son and Heir to the famous Physician *Dr. George Bate*, who was, as *A. Wood* tells us, 'born here: He was a very learned Man, and Author of several Books: He died at *Hatton Garden, London*, April 19, 1669; and was buried at *Kingston upon Thames*, in *Surry*, Aged 60, where he had put up a Monument for his Wife.

His Son, *viz. Mr. Edward Bate*, was possessed of a good Estate here, and elsewhere; and built a handsome Seat, near the Church, in this Parish: He was, for many Years, an excellent active Justice of the Peace, in this County, a good Neighbour, and Friend, and dying *Anno* 1717, was buried here.

In *Edw. III.*'s Time, *Anno* 1369,<sup>g</sup> I find that the Lord *Reginald de Grey* of *Wilton*, died possessed of a Manor here, and also that *Richard* Lord *Grey* of *Wilton*, in *Hen. VI.*'s Time, died *Anno* 1442,<sup>h</sup> possessed of a Manor here, which I conceive, was holden by them, under the Lord *Staffords*.

And *Anno* 1477, *Richard Fowler*,<sup>i</sup> is returned in *Edw. IV.*'th's Reign to be possessed of a Manor here.

But the present Chief Lord, of this Parish, *Anno* 1735, as reputed, is Sir *Richard Temple*, Baronet, Lord Viscount *Cobham*, tho' he has little Profits

<sup>d</sup> *Monasticon*, vol. ii. p. 138.    <sup>e</sup> *Ex Archivis in Aede Christi Oxon.*    <sup>f</sup> *Athen. Oxon.*  
vol. ii. last Edition, p. 424, 425, 426.    <sup>g</sup> *Vide Escheat.*    <sup>h</sup> *Ibid.*    <sup>i</sup> *Ibid. viz. Escheat.*

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arising out of it, his Chief, or Quit-rents, being only about 4 s. 4 d. besides Alienations. His Manor being no other than what is claimed as held of, and under the Honour of *Glocester*, which also claims and exercises Jurisdiction over divers other Parishes, as is shewn in p. 34. of this History, particularly over *Stow*, the Mother Town to this of *Moreton*, which was, as afore observed; originally only a Chapel of Ease to it.

In King *James*, and King *Charles* the 1st's Time, the Family of *Lam-berd*, who possessed *Fowler's* Capital Mansion House at *Bucks*, held Lands here, which descended by Marriage to the *Bagots*, and was in their Tenure in King *Charles* the Second's Reign, which Prince, by Letters Patent, dated July 26, Anno 1665, having raised *George Moor*, of this Town, to the Dignity of a Baronet, he took his Title from hence: But, notwithstanding this, he soon after sold his Estate here to Dr. *George Bate*, and, as I am informed, retired into *Hertfordshire*, and deceasing without Issue Male, the Honour became extinct, in about 20 Years.

When this Parish was dismembered from *Stow*, and made distinct from it, I have not been able to discover; but I presume it was as early as *Hen. II's* Time, and that the Advowson, which never seems to have been appendant to any Manor, was, (on the first Establishment thereof, on making it separate from *Stow*) vested in the *Peovers*, who were Lords of several Manors in these Parts, whose chief Seat was at *Todington*, Co. *Bedford*; and they continued Patrons, from *Hen. II.* or *Hen. III.* till *Hen. VI.* Reign, when it descended by Marriage, of the Heiress of the *Peovers*, to the *Broughtons*, who also resided at *Todington*, and their Issue Male failing in *Hen. VIII's* Time, this Advowson came in Marriage with *Agnes*, or *Anne*, Daughter and Heir of *John Broughton*, (who died 1529,) to her Husband *William Pawlet*, Lord *St. John*, afterwards *Marquis of Winchester*: And she, the said Lady *Agnes Pawlet*, Marchioness of *Winchester*, sold it July 22, 1600, to *Richard Blake*, of *Buckland*, Co. *Berks*; \* who, on Oct. 20 the same Year conveyed it to *Bartolomew Chamberlain*, of *Holywell* Co. *Hunts*, D. D. who, on Nov. 3, 1603, sold it to *George Bate*, A. M. in whose Family it remained, under some Trusts and Mortgages, 'till *Matthew Bate*, the present Incumbent, conveyed it, Anno 1719, to *Thomas Coxed*; who dying Anno 1726, and devising it to *Judith* his Wife, she sold it, on Dec. 26, 1732, to *John Larken*, who by Indenture, dated July 9 following, 1733, passed it to *Hartley Sandwell*, of *Radcliff juxta Bucks*, Attorney at Law, who is the present Patron Anno 1735.

This Parish is bounded South by *Bucks*, West by *Radcliff* and *Stow*, North by *Lekhamsted*, and *Akeley*, and East by *Thornborough*. Here are 41 Families, and 126 Souls, as it was returned to the Bishop, Anno 1712. It was then assessed to the Land Tax at 80 l. per Annum.

Here is the Interest of 38 l. given to the Poor Annually.

\* Ex Evidentiis Tituli Patronatus;

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The Rectory was rated, *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, at 8 Marks, besides a Pension of 17s. to the Prior of *Newton Longueville*, (*Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII.) It is charged for first Fruits, at 18l 2s 11d. and is reputed to be of the Value of 130l. *per Annum*.

*Anno* 1528, Robert Garret willed 5l. to buy a Cope, and gave Legacies to *St. John's* Altar, and our Lady's Light in this Church.

The Church, which is dedicated to *St. Edmund* the King, and *Martyr*, (whose Festival is *Nov.* 20,) is a very neat, elegant Structure, delightfully situated, and deserves a Draught. It was built, as before mentioned, by two Maiden Sisters, of the Family of the *Peovers*, about the Year 1450, 28 *Hen.* VI. It consists of a Nave, or Body, and Chancel, with a small Vestry on the South Side, and has a neat embattled Tower at the West End, in which were three very tuneable good Bells: on the first this, in old Characters, *Sante* Edmunde *Dra pro nobis*; on the second *Santa* Maria *Dra pro nobis*; the third modern; but these were, *Anno* 1717, run into five small Bells; the Weight of which five all together, is only thirty-three Hundred and an half, and fourteen Pound.

The Chancel is twenty six Foot long, and sixteen broad. The Length of the Church is forty one Foot, and Breadth 24 Foot: Length of the Belfry seventeen Foot, and twelve Foot Broad. The whole Fabrick is Leaded, and in the Windows, which are lofty, and uniform, was a good deal of painted Glass, but it is so defaced, that nothing can be made out. Here were some Paintings on the Chancel Walls, but they have been also defaced; an unskillful Dauber has frightfully attempted to draw over again our Saviour, sitting at the Last Supper, &c.

The Roof, the Porches, and Tower Entrance, are arched over, with Stone; and at the North Entrance are these Arms, carved in Wood, *A Chevron charged with three Fleurs de Lis*, being the Arms of the two pious Ladies the *Peovers*, who rebuilt the entire Edifice.

In the Middle of the Church is a large antient Marble, on which were their Effigies, in Brass, with an Inscription under them; but it is torn off, both the Effigies, and Inscriptions; but the Arms are in two Escutcheons, as aforescribed, remaining.

This Stone being some Years ago taken up, a large Stone Coffin was discovered, in which Tradition says these two Sisters Bodies were deposited. Over the North, and South Doors, are these Arms, viz. *On a Chevron, three Fleurs de Lys*, painted against the Wall, and these Words wrote:

“ Sisters and Maidens, Daughters of the Lord *Peover*, the pious, and  
“ magnificent Founders of this Church.”

But the Painter of the Arms, being ignorant of the Colours, I here exhibit the true Blazon, which is, *Argent, on the Chevron Gules, three Fleurs de Lys Or.*

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On a black Marble in the Middle of the Church are these Arms; viz. *A Chevron Ermine between three Weazels, Impaling a Chevron charged with three Balls between three Rams Heads Caboched.* Underneath this:

- “ Here lyeth interred the Body of Mr. *John Birtwizzle*, and *Philippa* his  
 “ Wife. He departed this Life *January* the 1st, 1697, Aged 76 Years.  
 “ She departed this Life *May* 2, 1696, aged 74 Years.”  
 “ In Memory of these her Relations, this Stone was laid by their Neice  
 “ Mrs. *Elizabeth Hull*.”

Near it is this Inscription, on a blewish Stone,

- “ Under this Stone, in a Vault, lies the Body of Mrs. *Elizabeth Major*,  
 “ Wife of the Reverend Mr. *Richard Major*, Rector of *Fos-*  
 “ *cot*, and Neice to Mr. *John Birtwizzle*, of this Town, deceased.  
 “ She departed this Life, *June* 21, 1733, Aged 70.”

In the Chancel is an antient Marble, which had an Inscription on a Brass Plate, but that is torn off.

There are now remaining these other five Inscriptions; viz. On a white Marble Compartment affixt against the Wall, by the East Window.

1. “ Underneath lyeth the Body of *Frances*, Daughter of *Thomas Atterbury*,  
 “ Servant to King *Charles*, and to his present Majesty King *James*;  
 “ and Alderman of the Corporation of *Buckingham*. She died the  
 “ 25 Day of *June* 1685, and in the 7th Year of her Age.
2. “ In a Vault, under this Stone, lies the Body of *Penelope Bate*, Wife  
 “ of *Edward Bate*, of *Maids Moreton*, and second Daughter of *Robert*  
 “ *Lovet* of *Liscombe* in the County of *Bucks*, Esq. She departed this  
 “ Life the 24 day of *October*, in the 60 Year of her Age, A. D. 1713.

On the North Side the Chancel without the Communion Rails, on a white Marble Monument, this Inscription,

3. “ Conjugi Charissimæ, Omnibus Vitæ Officiis bene de se meritæ; hoc  
 “ Sepulcrale Marmor Maritus posuit moestissimus EDVARDUS BATE,  
 “ Armiger, mutui Amoris ergo; qui nunc fidei *Penelopæ* suæ,  
 “ Fatorum vice redditus, uno atque eodem tumulo jacet — Et piis  
 “ votis potiantur ambo, utriusque uterque desideratum acquiescens  
 “ ad latus.  
 “ Obiit illa Anno ætatis 60, Salutis 1713, *October* 27. Ex Antiquâ  
 “ *Lovettorum*, de *Liscombe*, Familiâ oriunda. Raris dotibus insignis  
 “ Fœmina. Ille provectioris ævi spatio decurso, Anno ætat. 75,  
 “ Dom. 1717, die Mensis *Sep.* 15.  
 “ Plenus vitæ Conviva recessit, Amicis, Propinquis, Liberis, perpe-  
 “ tuum sui desiderium relinquens.  
 “ Patrem habuit *Georgium Bate*, Medicorum sui Sæculi clarissimum.”

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In the Church, against the Partition-wall between the Church and Chancel, on the North Side, is, on a plain white Marble Monument, this Inscription :

4. " In a Vault underneath lyeth interred the Body of the Honourable  
 " Mrs. *Penelope Verney*, first Wife to the Right Honourable *Richard*  
 " Lord *Willoughby de Brooke*, and eldest Daughter to *Clifton Packe*,  
 " Esq. of *Prestwold* in *Leicestershire*, by *Penelope* his Wife, second  
 " Daughter to *Edward Bate*, Esq. of this Town. She departed this  
 " Life the 31 of *August*, 1718, Aged 18.  
 " Under this Stone doth lye  
 " As much Virtue as could die,  
 " Which when alive did Vigour give,  
 " To as much Beauty as could live."
5. " Also in the same Vault, lyeth interred the Body of the Honoura-  
 " ble Colonel *James Pendelbury*, Colonel of the Royal Train of Ar-  
 " tillery, and Master Gunner of *England*, to the Day of his Decease,  
 " and Sub Governor of the Tower of *London*, during the latter End of  
 " Queen *Anne's* Reign.  
 " He was in all the Battles in the late Wars, and there served faithfully,  
 " valiantly, and diligently. He departed this Life the 15 of *Nov.*  
 " 1731, Aged 72. — He married in 1719, *Penelope Packe*, Widow,  
 " who survided him, and erected this Monument.

Terrier, *October 29, 1607, George Bate, Rector.*

The Homestall, containing two Acres; the Garden containing a Rood; the Parsonage House of Stone, containing four Bays and Ten Rooms; an Hall, Kitchen, Buttery, four Chambers, and three Cock Lofts. — Two Barns, one of five Bays, the other of four; an Hovel of three Bays; Meadow in *Deep Mead* twelve Poles, in *Middle Field* six Poles, in all four Acres. Arable in *Chaiwell Field*, one Acre, six Roods, eleven Lands. In the *Upper Field*, one Acre, one Rood, eight Lands. In the *Lower Field* two Acres four Lands. In *Holeway* two Acres, four Roods, eight Lands. In *Causeway*, one Acre, two Roods.

### Maids Moreton RECTORES, ex Registris Lincoln &c.

*Robert* is the first I meet with; he occurs *Anno 1241, 25 Hen. III.* in the Register of *Luffield*, where he is styled *Persona de Moreton*.

*Richard de Osgotby* resigned this Benefice, and was succeeded by

*Roger Inge*, instituted 16 *April, Anno 1294, 19 Edw. I.* on the Presentation of *John de Peyvre*, Knight.

*Peter Passfelewe* succeeded *Nov. 4, Anno 1294, 23 Edw. I.* on *Inge's* Resignation, on the Presentation of Sir *John Peyvre*.

*Richard Wolney* was instituted 3 *Cal. Mar. Anno 1303, 31 Edw. I.* on the Resignation of *Passfelewe*, on Sir *John Peyvre's* Presentation.

*Adam Skiret, de Bucks.* was instituted on the Presentation of the Lady *Mary, de St. Amand*, on the Death of *Richard Wolney*, on 10 *Cal. Jan. Anno 1327, 1 Edw. III.*

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*Gilbert de Cbifoul* was instituted on the Ides of *May*, Anno 1333, 7 *Edw.* III, on the King's Presentation, on Account of the Minority of *Nicholas Peyvre*, Son of *Paulin de Peyvre*, deceased, who held of the King in *Capite*. He exchanged it for *Hadstock* in *Essex*, with

*John de Parbam*, 14 *Cal. Feb.* Anno 1338, 12 *Edw.* III,

*John de Mulnbo* was presented by *Nicholas Peyvre*, Lord of *Tuddington*, on *Parbam's* Death, instituted 2 *Cal. Mar.* Anno 1340, 14 *Edw.* III. He resigned it, Anno 1349, 22 *Edw.* III, and was succeeded by

*John de Egynton*, instituted 13 *Cal. Sept.* Anno 1349, 23 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of *Sir Nicholas de Peyvre*. He died Anno 1352, 26 *Edw.* III, and was succeeded by

*William de Asbelee*, instituted 11 *Cal. April.* Anno 1352, 26 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of *Sir Nicholas de Peyvre*.

*William de Kele*, was presented by *Thomas Peyvre de Toddington*, on *Asbelee's* Resignation, and instituted June 26, Anno 1370, 44 *Edw.* III.

*Richard Freeman* was instituted on *Kele's* Death, 15 *May*, Anno 1376, 50 *Edw.* III, on the Presentation of *William de Somerby*, Rector of *St. Mary Magdalen, Milkstreet, London*, *John Barker* of *Weston Underwood*, *John Broughton*, and *John Lekbamsted*, Trustees of *Peyvre*.

*John Downe* was instituted May 30, Anno 1412, 13 *Hen.* IV, on *Freeman's* Death, on the Presentation of *Thomas Peyvre* of *Toddington*.

(N. B. This *Thomas Peyvre* died Anno 1449, 21 *Hen.* VI, and was the last of the Heirs Male of this Family.)

*Richard Ward* was instituted 28 *Aug.* Anno 1420, 8 *Hen.* V, on *Downe's* Death, on the Presentation of *Thomas Woodevill*, *John Barton Senior*, *John Barton Junior*, and *John Olney*, Esquires, who were, I presume, Trustees of this Estate. When he voided it I don't find, nor the Institution of

*William Sandbache*; but on his Death, Anno 1465,

*John Gyton* was instituted, 13 *July*, Anno 1465, 5 *Edw.* IV, on the Presentation of *John Broughton* Esquire, Heir to the *Peyvres*, who succeeded on the Deaths of *Thomas Peyvre*, and his Maiden Sisters.

*William Wilkynson* succeeded on *Gyton's* Death, and was instituted Jan. 7, Anno 1470, on *John Broughton* Esquire's Presentation.

*William Litchfield* was instituted on *John Broughton's* Presentation, on the Death of *Wilkynson*, 13 *Mar.* Anno 1483, 1 *Ric.* III.

*John Dely* was instituted 20 *Aug.* Anno 1501, 16 *Hen.* VII, on *Sir Robert Broughton's* Presentation, not said how vacant.

*Thomas Fox* was instituted on *Dely's* Resignation, 10 *Aug.* 1503, 18 *Hen.* VII, on *Sir Robert Broughton's* Presentation.

*John Williams* was presented by *Thomas Wolfey*, Cardinal, in the Minority of *John Broughton*, and instituted Anno 1524, 15 *Hen.* VIII, *ratione minoris etatis Johannis Broughton*.

*William Molineux*, A. M. was presented by *Anne Broughton*, Heir to *John Broughton* Esquire, and instituted 19 *Mar.* Anno 1531, 22. *Hen.* VII, on the Death of the last Incumbent.

*Richard*

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*Richard Davis* was instituted *July 17, Anno 1549*, on the Death of the last Incumbent, not named. He was deprived *Anno 1554*, and

*Christopher Malton* instituted *July 4, 1554*, on the Queen's Presentation.

*Richard Bradborne*, B. D. was instituted *11 May, Anno 1557*, on *Malton's* Resignation, on the King and Queen's Presentation. He died the next Year, and was buried at *Addington*, where he was also Rector, *June 25, 1558*, and succeeded by

*Peter Head*, instituted *July 31, 1558*, on the King's and Queen's Presentation; but

*Richard Davis* was restored *Anno 1559*, and *Anno 1562* made Bishop of *St. Davids*.

*John Hodgison* was presented by the Queen, *5 Feb. Anno 1563*, though *Richard Davis* had got a Licence to hold it with his Bishoprick.

*John Smith* was instituted *Anno 1566*, on the Presentation of *William Paulet* [Lord St. John.] He was buried here *12 Mar. Anno 1602*. On his Death

*William Gee*, or *Lee*, was instituted, *16 May, Anno 1602*, on *Bartolomew Chamberlayn's* Presentation. He died next Year, and was succeeded by

*George Bate*, A. M. instituted *13 Dec. Anno 1603*, on *Lee's* Death, on the Presentation of *John Smith* of *Buckden*. He died *11 Mar. Anno 1643*, and was buried in the Chancel, and succeeded by

*Matthew Bate*, *Anno 1644*, who occurs Rector *Anno 1663*. He died and was buried here *30 Aug. Anno 1670*. Being, I suppose, infirm and unable to officiate, he quitted it to

*Thomas Disney*, A. M. Rector of *Stoke-Hammond*, who was instituted *8 Nov. Anno 1665*, on *Matthew Wilkes's* Presentation. He quitted it the same Year, and was succeeded by

*Francis Atterbury* A. M. instituted *18 Mar. Anno 1665*, on the Presentation of *Matth. Wilkes*. He was Uncle to Bishop *Atterbury* of *Rochester*, and took this in Trust for

*Matthew Bate*, A. M. and he became instituted *June 1, Anno 1671*, on *Atterbury's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Matthew Wilkes*. He was buried here *June 10, Anno 1685*.

*William Lea* A. M. succeeded, and was instituted *5 Nov. Anno 1685*, on the Presentation of *Elizabeth Bate* Widow. He held it in Trust for *Matthew Bate*, Son to his Predecessor. He was also Rector of *Lillingstone Dayrell*, and resigning it *Anno 1699*, was succeeded by the aforesaid

*Matthew Bate* LL. B. instituted *June 5, Anno 1699*, on the Presentation of *George Bate*, LL. B. and he is the present Rector, *Anno 1735*.

The Register begins 1558: Out of it I took these Entries:

### MARRIAGES.

1651, *Edward Chaloner*, Esq. and *Ann* Daughter of *Sir Richard Ingoldby*.  
 1657, *Mr. Richard Whiteball* and *Sarah* Daughter of *Mr. William Efton*  
 of this Parish, married openly in the Church by the Common Prayer Book.  
 1698, *Clifton Pack* Esq. and *Penelope*, Daughter of *Edward Bate* Esq.

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### BIRTHS or BAPTISMS.

- 1599, *John* Son of *William Moor*.  
 1607, Nov. 23. *George*; Son of *George Bate*, Rector. *N. B.* This was the famous Physician Dr. *George Bate*, who practised Physick in *London*.  
 1610, *Robert*, Son of *George Bate*. He was Major of Horse in the King's Party, and slain in the Civil Wars.  
 1612, *Mary*, Daughter of *George Moor*.

### BURIALS.

- 1606, *William Moore*.  
 1606, *Elizabeth Moore*,  
 1620, *John*, Son of *William Moore*.  
 1643, *George Bate*, B. D. sometime Fellow of *New College*, Rector here, and of *Lekhamsted*.  
 1648, *John Philpot*, a very aged Inhabitant of this Parish.  
 1662, Mr. *Richard Bate*, Haberdasher of *London*, who left by Will a Legacy of 10 l. to the Poor of the Parish.  
 1685, Mr. *Matthew Bate*, Rector.  
 1697, Mr. *John Birtwizzle*.  
 1713, *Penelope*, Wife of *Edward Bate Esq.*  
 1717, Sept. 18, *Edward Bate Esq.*  
 1718, The Honourable Mrs. *Penelope Verney*.

I also extracted out of the said Register, these two other Entries, viz.

" *Anno 1642*, This Year the Cross (which had like with its Fall to have beat out the Brains of him that did it) was cut off the Top of the Steeple by the Soldiers, at the Command of Colonel *Puresoy* of *Warwickshire*."

" *Anno 1653*, A Memorandum, that this Year came in force an Act of the Usurper *Cromwell*, that Children ought not to be baptized, and about Marriages by Justices of Peace. But it is here observed, that not one in this Parish complied with it, but christened the Children in the Church; and no Persons bedded, before they were solemnly wedded in the Church."

MERSH,

## MERSH, or MARSH GIBWEN,

**D**ERIVES its Name from its Situation in a marshy Place. The Adjunct Name of *Gibwen* being from an Owner or Proprietor of Lands here, or the principal Lessee Tenant under the Capital Lords.

In the Time of the *Norman* Invasion it was surveyed in *Doomsday Book* thus :

### *Terra Comitis Moritonensis, in Lamua Hundred.*

*In Merse tenent Monachi de Grestein xi Hidas de Comite. Terra est xiii Carucatarum. In Dominio iv Hida. Et ibi sunt iii Carucata. Ibi xvii Villani, cum iii Bordariis, habentibus x Carucatas, Ibi vii Servi. In totis Valenciis valet et valuit semper viii Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Ulfus, Filius Bergeret, et vendere potuit.*

*Et unus Homo Bondi Stalre habuit ibi dimidium Hida, et vendere potuit.*

The Monks of *Grestein* hold eleven Hides in *Merse* of the Earl of *Moreton*. The Arable is thirteen Carucates. There are in Demesne four Hides, and there are three Carucates. There are seventeen Villains, and three Cotagers holding ten Carucates. There are seven Servants. In the whole it is worth, and was always valued at 8 l.

*Ulf*, Son of *Bergeret*, held this Manor, and could sell it.

And a certain Man, a Groom of *Bondi*, held here half a Hide, and could sell it.

### *Terra Will. Filii Aufculfi.*

*In Merse tenet Ailric de Wilhelmo iv Hidas pro i Manerio. Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio ii, et quinque Villani, cum iii Bordariis, habentibus iii Carucatas. Ibi iii Servi. Pratum v Carucatarum; Silva xxx Porcorum. Valet et valuit semper lxx Solidos; Istemet tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, sed modo tenet ad Firmam de Willhelmo, graviter et miserabiliter.*

*Ailric* holds of *William Fitz Aufcuf* four Hides in *Merse* for one Manor. The Arable is five Carucates, two are in Demesne, and there are five Villains with three Cotagers, having three Carucates. There are three Servants; Meadow for five Carucates; and Mast for thirty Hogs. It is and was always worth seventy Shillings. He himself (*viz. Ailric*) held it in King *Edward's* Time, but now holds it in Farm of *William*, heavily and miserably loaded.

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This Earl of *Moreton*, whose Name was *Robert*, being Brother by the Mother's Side to *William the Conqueror*, he made him Earl of *Cornwall*, Anno 1068, in the 2d Year of his Reign; and gave him no less than 29 Manors in this County of *Buckingham*, as we are told in *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. I. whereof this of *Mershe* being one, he bestowed it on the Abbey of *Grestein* in *Normandy*, of his Father's Foundation, and so it continued Part of the Demesnes of that Monastery, together with the Advowson of the Church, 'till both were procur'd, about the Year 1365, by the *De la Pole's*, in which Family they continued 'till the Year 1441, \* when the Manor being separated from the Advowson, was by *William de la Pole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his Wife, given to *Ewelme* Hospital Co. *Oxon*, (of their Foundation,) by Letters Patent of King *Hen. VI.* In which Hospital, it remained under certain Demises till 1605, 3 *Jac. I.* when that King endowing the Professor of Physick in the University of *Oxford*, with the Mastership of *Ewelme* Hospital, and annexing it thereto, this Manor thereby became vested in the Possession of that Professor: And he is, by Virtue of the Tenure of that Office, Lord of the Principal Manor of this Place, and so remains Anno 1735, in Conjunction with the rest of the Members of this Hospital, viz. the Reader and thirteen poor Men, who are all united in a Corporate Body, and act accordingly in that Capacity, by granting Leases, &c. as other Possessors of Manors do.

As to the other Manor of *Fitz Ausculfs* (described also in *Doomsday Book*,) it seems very soon to have come to *Walter Giffard*, Earl of *Buckingham*, for he held it about Anno 1112, 12 *Hen. I.* who having in the Year 1162, 8 *Hen. II.*<sup>b</sup> founded an Abbey called *Nutley*, or *Notely*, within his Park of *Crendon*, he gave thereto the Tythes of *Mershe*; but he dying Anno 1164, 10 *Hen. II.* without Issue, his Lands were divided among his Heirs; and this his Manor of *Mershe* came to his next Kinsman, *Richard Strongbow*, Earl of *Strigoul*, whose Daughter and Heir *Isabell*, marrying *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*, he in her Right became possessed thereof; and gave, Anno 1190, 1 *Ric. I.* a very great Fine to the King for Livery of Earl *Giffard's* Lands; among which is recounted this Manor; which, on the Death of his Successor *William Marshall*, came to his Brother *Richard Marshall*; but he seems to have made little Account thereof, for *Warin Basset*, \* a younger Son of *Alan Basset*, Baron of *Wycombe*, as a Relation and Heir to the *Marshalls*, laid Claim to it, and disputed the Right of Patronage with the Monks of *Grestein*: But they making it appear to the Bishop of *Lincoln* that they stood seised of this Advowson by the Gift of the *Marshalls*, his Plea was set aside: But the Issue Male of *Marshall* failing in this Reign, their Lands became divided among several Proprietors, among whom were the *Damory's*, who claimed Demesnes here *Temp. Edw. I.* And Anno 1317, 11 *Edw. II.* *Richard Damory*, Knight<sup>d</sup> obtained a Grant of Free Warren at *Mershe* and also at *Bix*, *Gibwen*; which last Manor descended to him from the Heiress of *Gibwen*, from whom, as I presume, he inherited Lands here; for the *Gibwens*, were

\* Pat. 20 *Hen. VI.* p. 2. m. 19.    <sup>b</sup> See *Parochial Antiq.* p. 118, 147, 211.    <sup>c</sup> *Parochial Antiq.* p. 207.    <sup>d</sup> *Parochial Antiq.* p. 375.    <sup>e</sup> Ex Registro *Snellball*.

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Possessors of considerable Estates in this County, *Geffry de Gibwen* being (as it seems) in King *John's* Time, about 1210, Lord of *Great Linford*, in which Year he gave Lands at *Willen* to *Snelfball* Priory; and in King *John's* and the beginning of *Hen. III's* Time, he the said *Geffry Gibberwin* occurs one of the King's Justices<sup>1</sup>. I also find that *Roger de Somery*, Anno 1291, 19 *Edw. I.*, descended from the Heirs of *Fitz Ausculf*, held Lands here at *Mershe*. But the chief and principal Heir of the *Fitz Ausculfs* seems to have been the *Beauchamps*; for Anno 1260, 44 *Hen. III.*, there was a Tryal at the Assizes held at the antient County Town of *Buckingham* for Lands at *Mershe*<sup>2</sup>, which were held by *William Beauchamp* senior by Knights Service. And his Heir *Guy Beauchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, Anno 1312, 6 *Edw. II.*, is returned to be seized of the Manor of *Mershe*; which the *Montacutes* had also a Title to. For Anno 1315, 8 and 9 *Edw. II.*, the King confirmed to the Abby of *Grestein* the Donation and Concession which *John de Montacute* (of the Family of *Montacute*, who were afterwards Earls of *Salisbury*) made of the Manor of *Mershe*, with its Appurtenances, and of the Advowson of the Church of the said Manor; and also the Grant of One Hide<sup>3</sup> of Land in the said Village given to that Convent by *Baldwin* Son to *Thomas de Haldebam* and *Isabell Montacute*; after which I find no other Claimants to this Manor.

However after the Dissolution of Foreign Monasteries, their Lands coming to the Crown, I presume their Possessions in this Parish, as well as what belonged here to the *Montacutes*, being likewise so escheated, remained Parcel of the Royal Property 'till the Reign of King *Edw. IV.*; when that King, by Letters Patent, Anno Reg. 22, 1482, gave this second Manor, then known by the Name of *Westbury*, or the *Bury Manor*, to the Company of the *Cooks* in *London*, which he had, Anno Regni 12, 1472, incorporated: For so it appeared at a Tryal at Law, Anno 1578, 20 of *Elizabeth*, at the Assizes holden for this County of *Buckingham* at *Aylesbury*,<sup>4</sup> wherein the aforesaid Grant is set forth, and the Title of the Conveyance of this Manor by the Master and Warden of the said Company of *Cooks*; which Company, by Deeds dated Nov. 30, 1530, Anno 31 *Hen. VIII.*, sold their Right and Interest therein to *Robert Dormer* Esq. who next Year, 1531, suffered a Fine and Recovery thereof, and after 5 Years Possession, Anno 1536, reconveyed all his Title and Interest therein to *William Howell*, who dying seized thereof Nov. 30, 1557, was succeeded therein by *John Howell*, his eldest Son and Heir, on whose Death without Issue, Anno 18 *Eliz.* 1576,<sup>5</sup> the *Cooks Company* laying Claim to the Premises were at the aforesaid Tryal at Law, Anno 1578, cast, and a Verdict obtained against them, and the Premises adjudged to the Purchaser *William Howell's* Heir, who was one *Henry Howell*, as may be seen in *Plowden's* Commentary, wherein the Case is set forth at Length. And in this Family of the *Howells* this<sup>6</sup> Manor continued for upwards of an Hundred Years; and they held Courts for the same; 'till

<sup>1</sup> Madox's Excheq. <sup>2</sup> Parochial Antiq. p. 255. <sup>3</sup> Ibid. p. 370. <sup>4</sup> Vide *Plowden's* Commentary, Folio 551. <sup>5</sup> Ibid. viz. *Plowden*. <sup>6</sup> Ex Evidentiis hujus Manerii.



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*Edward Howell*, by Lease and Release, dated *June* the 14 and 15, *Anno* 1639, 15 *Car.* I, conveyed his Property herein to *Richard Francis*,<sup>1</sup> whose Descendant *Thomas Francis* dying 1698, his Widow *Anna Maria Francis*, by Deed of Lease and Release, dated *April* 9 and 10, 1701, conveyed it in Fee to *John Townsend* and his Heirs, and in this Family it still remains, *Anno* 1735. — And as Lord of this Manor of *Westbury*, or the *Bury Manor*, they claim Suit and Service over nine Yard and three Quarters of Land in this Parish, as does *Ewelme Hospital*, ~~or the Physick Professor of Oxford University~~, over forty-nine Yard Land and three Quarters. The whole Extent of the Parish being computed to contain fifty-eight Yard Land and an half, or about two thousand eight hundred Acres.

The Advowson of this Church, after having passed from the Convent of *Greiftein* to the *De la Pole's*, escheating to the Crown *Anno* 1475, after the Death of *Alice de la Pole*, Duchefs of *Suffolk*, has belonged to the Royal Patronage ever since, except *Temp. Hen. VIII*, when *Charles Brandon*, Duke of *Suffolk*, held it, as may be seen in the Account of the Institution to the Rectory.

The Parish of *Mershe* is bounded East by *Edgecote*, South by *Ambrosden*, West by *Launton*, and North by *Stratton-Audley*; which ~~these~~ last Parishes are in *Oxfordshire*: it is also bounded by *Twyford* on the West. Here were returned to be, *Anno* 1712, 70 Families, and it then paid to the Land Tax 203*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*

The Rectory was valued, *Anno* 1534, at 21*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the Kings Books.

*Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, it was valued at 24 Marks.

As to Charities in this Parish, I meet with none, except that the Interest of 100*l.* was bequeathed by Mrs. *Trist*, who died *Anno* 1707, to put out a Child Apprentice.

The Manor House has been for some Generations in the Occupation of the *Busby's*, and remains still in their Possession 1734, they held it *Tempore Jacobi* I, being then Lessee Tenants to *Ewelme Hospital*. On the Outside of their Farm Yard are some Entrenchments thrown up, as it is said in the Wars begun *Anno* 1641.

The Church consists of a Body, South Isle, North Isle, and Chancel, all which are leaded; at the West End is a square embattled Tower with Pinacles.

On the Top of the Tower is a later Erection of Wood lathed and plaistered over to agree with the rest of the Building. This was erected to hold the Bells, which were formerly only three, but are now augmented to Five. The whole Fabrick is in good Repair, and the Chancel has been much ornamented by the present worthy Rector *Dr. Robert Clavering*, Lord Bishop of

<sup>1</sup> Ex Evidentiis hujus Manerii.

<sup>m</sup> Ex Regist. *Lincoln.*

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*Peterborough.* Here is a Clock and a Dial Board on the Tower. The Church is dedicated to the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, and the Feast is observed the *Sunday after Aug. 15.*

Here are no Arms or any Thing remaining in the Glafs Windows, except this Piece of a broken Inscription . . . . . *Agnētis uxoris ejus.*

And in the Church is only this one Epitaph on a Grave-stone in the North Ile,

“ Here lyeth the Body of *Thomas Francis*, who departed this Life the  
“ 21 Day of *December*, 1698, and in the Year of his Age 51.”

Over it his Arms, being *Ermine*, on a dexter Canton a *Welch Harp*.

On the North side the Chancel, under an Arch, an antient Grave-stone with a Cross on it, seemingly as old as *Edw. III's* Reign, but no Tradition to whom it belonged. I suppose it was placed here when the Church was built, and might be for one of the Rectors.

On a white Marble Copartment fixed to the Chancel are these Arms at top, *viz. Argent a Fess Gules charged with three Crescents Or, between two Bends wavy*; underneath this Inscription:

“ Here lyeth the Body of the Reverend Mr. *John Dod*, Bachelour of  
“ Divinity, and Rector of this Church. He died the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of  
“ May, 1698, in the 66 Year of his Age. He was a truly pious Person,  
“ a learned and laborious Minister, a kind Husband, a tender Fa-  
“ ther, and one of great Compassion to the Poor. He was one of  
“ the best of Men, full of Good Works. He now rests from his  
“ Labours, and is of Blessed Memory on Earth, and happy for ever  
“ in Heaven.”

In a Collection of Inscriptions, in some Churches, made *Anno 1680*, I find only this one put down, as then in being in this Church:

“ *Gulielmus Say* hic sepultus est, qui obiit *A. D. 1677*, et *Ætatis suæ*  
“ 37. *Refurgam.*” He was a Relation of the Rector's, Dr. *Robert Say*;  
I suppose his Brother.

The Register begins 1576, but I observed nothing memorable init.

*Terrier Oct. 27. 1607, Samuel Reeve Rector.*

An Homestall of one Acre, and a Garden and Orchard of a Rood. A Parsonage House of five Bays of Stone and Timber. A Stable and Hay House of five Bays. A Malt House and Kitchen of five Bays. The Home Close of two Acres and an half. *Robin's* Close of three Acres and an Half.

A Pension of 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid the Rector by his Majesty's Receiver of the County of *Northampton*.

A Pension of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* by the Parson of *Ickford*. In the North West Field, thirty-eight Acres and an half, two Yards of Land, thirty-one Butts one Acre and 12 Leas. In South Field twenty-seven Acres three Lands, four Yards of Land, one Hadland, one Acre of Leas and sixty Butts.

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*Robert de Gloster* occurs Rector *Anno* 1225, 9 *Hen.* III.

*Ralph de Ralegh* was presented *Anno* 1230, 14 *Hen.* III, by the Convent of *Grefstein*. When *Warrin Bassett* and *Catharine* his Wife setting up a Claim, as being descended from the *Marshalls*, Earls of *Pembroke*,<sup>a</sup> they were overruled, and the Convent's Right confirmed, it being pleaded that *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke* had given it to *Grefstein*.

*Jordan* occurs Rector *Anno* 1241, 25 *Hen.* III\*.

*Giles de Audenard* seems to have quitted this Benefice<sup>p</sup> *Anno* 1275, 3 *Edw.* I, to

*John de Audenard*, 1275, but he took out a second Title from *Grefstein*, *Anno* 1276, 4 *Edw.* I.

*Robert*, Rector of *Mershe*, died *Anno* 1307, 1 *Edw.* II, and was succeeded by

*Stephen de Cammul*, instituted *Id. Julii*, *Anno* 1307, on the Presentation of the Priory of *Wilmington* in *Suffex*, who were Conservators of the Rights of the Monastery of *Grefstein*.

*William de Bachelor*, Canon of *Lincoln*, succeeded 3 *Cal. Nov.* *Anno* 1315, of whom see an Account of *Godwin de Præsulibus*, in the Life of *Burgbershe*, Bishop of *Lincoln*. But his Title seems to have been disputed.

*Henry de Lond* was admitted *Cal. Dec.* *Anno* 1328, on the King's Title.

*John de Brakely* Rector of *Turveston*, changed this *Anno* 1331, 5 *Edw.* III, with

*Robert Gasteleyn*.

*William*, Rector of *Mershe* died, *Anno* 1349, 23 *Edw.* III, and was succeeded by

*William de Hanley*, instituted 13 *Cal. Sept.* *Anno* 1349, on the Presentation of *Tideman de Limbergh*, Lessee Tenant of *Mershe* Manor, to *Grefstein*, as seems to me.

*Richard Bromleigh* was instituted 3 *Non. Junii*, *Anno* 1367, 41 *Edw.* III, on *Hanley's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Michael de la Pole*.

*John Warre* or *Waite*, succeeded *Jan. 20*, *Anno* 1374, 48 *Edw.* III, on *Bromley's* Resignation. He exchanged it for *Witheridge Co. Devon.* 10 *Sept.* *Anno* 1377, with

*John de Luffewick*, and he became presented by the Patron Sir *Michael de la Pole*, Knight, *Anno* 1577, 55 *Edw.* III.

*William de Vexford* succeeded, being presented 17 *Maii*, 1396, by *Richard de la Pole*. He exchanged it for *Middleton Chantry cum Wappenbam Co. Northampton.* with

*Robert Derby*, 11 *Oct.* 1399, and so *Derby* became presented by Sir *Richard de la Pole*.

<sup>a</sup> Kennet's Parochial Antiq. p 207.

<sup>p</sup> Reg. Luffield.

<sup>p</sup> Reg. Lincoln.

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*John Wythbryn* succeeded, and exchanged it for *Weddington* in *Essex*, Anno 1402, with

*Thomas Sanderson*, July 13, Anno 1402. The next I find is

*Thomas Humpbrey*. He resigned it Anno 1447, and was succeeded by

*William Rainold*, admitted Mar. 23, Anno 1447, on the Presentation of *William de la Pole*, Marquis of *Suffolk*. He died Anno 1499, and was succeeded by

*Robert Takel*, admitted 4 Nov. Anno 1499, on the Presentation of *Alice de la Pole*, Duchefs of *Suffolk*; as was

*William Weston* admitted June 23, Anno 1471, 11 *Edw. IV.* (on the Death of *Robert Takel*) on the Presentation of *Alice de la Pole*, Duchefs of *Suffolk*.

*John Hawksford* was presented by the King, on *Weston's* Resignation, June 8, Anno 1505, 16 *Hen. VII.*

*Brian Carter* was presented by *Charles Duke of Suffolk*, on *Hawksford's* Death, and admitted May 7, 1526, 17 *Hen. VIII.* He resigned it Anno 1533, and was succeeded by

*Anthony Leason*, presented Nov. 28, Anno 1533, by *Charles Brandon*, Duke of *Suffolk*.

*Thomas Kent* was presented by the King's Title, by the Lord *Russell*, Mar. 6, 1546, 37 *Hen. VIII.* on the Resignation of *Anthony Leason*. He died Anno 1562, 4 *Eliz.* being also Canon of *Christ Church, Oxon.*

*Richard Reeve* succeeded him, being presented by Queen *Elizabeth*, Anno 1562, on *Kent's* Death. He died Anno 1594, being Canon of *Windfor*, having resigned this (to his Son, as I suppose he was,) viz.

*Samuel Reeve*, A. B. who was presented by Queen *Elizabeth*, April 27, 1583. In his Will, which I have seen, made Anno 1612, he ordered his Body to be buried in the Church of *Mershe*.

*Richard Evans*, A. M. succeeded, being presented by the King, June 23, Anno 1612, 14 *Jac. I.*

*Robert Say*, S. T. P. Provost of *Oriel College*, was presented by the King, on the Death of Dr. *Richard Evans*, Sept. 28, Anno 1661. He died Oct. 24, 1691, and was buried in *Oriel College Chapel*, and succeeded by

*John Dod*, S. T. B. presented 17 Dec. Anno 1691, by the King and Queen. He died May 24, 1698, 10 *Will. III.* and was buried here, being the only Rector whose Interrment is entered in the Register.

*Thomas Dunster*, S. T. P. succeeded Anno 1698. He was also Warden of *Wadham College*, and dying on *Whitsunday*, 17 May, 1719, at *London*, was obscurely buried in *St. Dunstan's Church* in *Fleet-Street, London*, and succeeded by

*Robert Clavering*, S. T. P. Canon of *Christ Church, Oxford*, July 27, 1719, who quitted for it the Deanry or Rectory of *Bocking* in *Essex*, (tho' of more Value) because of its Nearness to *Oxford*. And he is, Anno 1735, the present worthy Rector, and also Lord Bishop of *Peterborough*.

## P A D B U R Y,

**W**RITTEN antiently *Patebury*, or *Patbbury*. The *Saxon* Letter *d* being *th*, quasi *Patbbury*, or the Borough or Castle lying on the Road, or *Pad*. It was in the *Conqueror's* Time surveyed as follows :

*Terra Mannon Brito in Lamua Hundred.*

*Ipse Maigno tenet Pateburie. Pro xx Hidis se defendebat; Terra est xiv Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iii, et quarta potest fieri. Ibi xv Villani, cum vi Bordariis, habentibus viii Carucatas; et ad huc iii possunt fieri. Ibi vi Servi, et i Molendinum de xv Solidis. Silva c Porcorum. In totis Valenciis valet xii Libras; quando recepit vii Libras. Tempore Regis Edwardi xii Libras.*

*Maigno* himself holds *Pateburie*; It was taxed at twenty Hides. The Arable is fourteen Carucates; three are in Demeſne, and a fourth can be made. There are fifteen Villans or Copyholders, and fix Bordairs or Cottagers holding eight Carucates, and ſtill three more may be made. There are ſix Servants, and one Mill of xv Shillings Value. Maſt for one hundred Hogs. In the whole it is worth 12*l*. when he received 7*l*. it yielded in King *Edward's* Time 12*l*.

This *Maigno* the *Britain* was a potent *Norman*, who coming over with *William* the firſt, he gave him ſeveral Lordſhips in this County and in *Hertfordſhire*; thoſe in this County deſcended in the Time of *Hen. I.*, <sup>a</sup> to his Heir, viz. *Manefelin*, Baron of *Wolverton*, who in King *Stephen's* Time founding a Priory at *Bradwell* in the extreme Parts of *Wolverton* Pariſh, <sup>b</sup> his Deſcendants endowed it with the Advowſon of the Church of this Place, and other Lands here.

To this *Manefelin* ſucceeded *Hamon* his Son, and to him *William*, and to him *Alan* his Brother, whoſe Son *John's* Poſterity taking their Surname from their Barony of *Wolverton*, continued poſſeſſed of this Manor 'till *Edw. Ild's* Time, when I find a Licenſe granted *Anno* 1313, 6 *Edw. II.*, <sup>c</sup> to *John de Wolverton* to enfeoff *Padbury* and *Chalfont St. Giles* Manors: after which I preſume this Manor was either ſold in *Edw. Ild's* Time, or deſcended by Heireſſes into other Families; for I find that *Anno* 1332, 5 *Edw. III.*, there was a Diſpute about it by *Roger Huſe* and *Joan* his Wife, who had been before Wife to *Robert Echingham*, and claimed it as her Dower: <sup>d</sup> But it was given againſt them: And *Anno* 1359, 33 *Edw. III.*, <sup>e</sup> *Theobald Gruffet* is returned to have held a 4th Part of the Manor here. And *Anno* 1361, 35 *Edw. III.*, *Hugh de Wake* had a Moiety of *Padbury* Manor, which he purchaſed of *Theobald Gruffet*. And *Anno* 1 Ric. II, 1377, there was a Fine levied of this Manor between *Robert Lindeſay* and others Claimaints, <sup>f</sup> and *William Echingham* Deforcient, whereby the Right in this Manor was conveyed to the aforeſaid *Robert Lindeſay*. And *Anno* 1380, <sup>g</sup> *William Molins*

<sup>a</sup> *Dugdale's Baronage*, vol. i. p. 543. <sup>b</sup> *Notitia Monaſtica*, Folio Edit. <sup>c</sup> Pat. 6 *Edw. II.*  
<sup>d</sup> *Eſcheat* 33 *Edw. III.* <sup>e</sup> *Ibid.* *Anno* 35. <sup>f</sup> Rot Fines Co. Bucks, <sup>g</sup> *Eſcheat*. 4 Ric. II.

is said to die seized of a Manor here. And *Anno* 1438, 16 *Hen. VI* *Thomas Echingham* obtained a Grant of Free Warren at *Padbury*:<sup>a</sup> But not long after, viz. *Anno* 1442, 21 *Hen. VI*, this Manor being escheated (as I suppose) to the Crown, King *Hen. VI*, by Letters Patent, dated *April* 24, granted to the Warden and Fellows of *All Souls College* in *Oxford*, the Manor of *Padbury*, with four Messuages and other Lands there. And they are accordingly, *Anno* 1735, viz. the said Warden and Fellows, the present Lords hereof.

In the Patents, *Anno* 1586, 28 *Eliz.* Part 14. the Queen granted to *John Watson* and *John Cresset* fifty five Acres in *Padbury*, belonging to *Missenden* late Monastery. These were in the Rental of *Missenden*, *Anno* 1534, valued at 13 s. 4 d. But who the Donors of them to *Missenden* were, I cannot find in the Register of that Convent: But I suppose they were given by *Hamund*, Son of *Manefelin*, Baron of *Wolverton*, Lord of the Manor of *Chalfonte St. Giles*, adjacent to *Missenden*.

*Dugdale*, in his *View of the Troubles in England*, tells us<sup>i</sup>, that in the Beginning of *July* 1643, Colonel *Middleton* coming to surprize Sir *Charles Lucas* in his Quarters at *Padbury*, near *Buckingham*, was routed by him.

This Parish is bounded East by *Adstock* and *Great Harwood*, North by *Thornborough*, South by *Addington* and *Steeple Claydon*, and West by *Hillesden* and *Buckingham*.

The Church here, as may be seen in the Fine Rolls, was, *Anno* 1202, 3 *Johannis*, granted to the Priory of *Bradwell*, of the Foundation of the Lords of this Manor, which Convent having got it appropriated and made a Vicaridge, *Temp. Edw. I*, they enjoyed the Rectorial Tythes, which, *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw. I*, were valued at eighteen Marks, or twelve Pound, and continued Patrons of the Vicaridge, as they had been before of the Rectory, 'till their Dissolution, *Anno* 1526, 17 *Hen. VIII*, when it was for some time with the rest of the Demesnes of *Bradwell Priory*, granted, among the small Monasteries, to Cardinal *Wolsey*. But *Anno* 1532, 23 *Hen. VIII*, it was given to *Shene Priory* in *Surry*,<sup>k</sup> and so on the total Suppression of Religious Houses it coming to the Crown, the Patronage of this Vicaridge has remained in the Crown ever since; except in the Year 1557 and 1558, when it was, by Queen *Mary* given to the See of *Lincoln*; but her Grants were set aside by Queen *Elizabeth*, *Anno* 1559.

In a Rental of *Bradwell Priory*, about 1510, 'tis noted, that beside the Rectory valued at 12 l. per Annum, that Convent had here other Lands rated at 20 s. per Annum.

The Rectory of *Padbury*, late belonging to *Shene Monastery*, was *Anno* 1578, <sup>l</sup> I find, granted to the Earl of *Lincoln* and *Christopher Gough*, *Reddendo* 6 l. 3 s. 6 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ . and paying 6 s. 8 d. Procurations to the Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, *Habendum* in Fee, *Teste* 24 *Feb.*

The Rectory of *Padbury* late belonging to *Shene*, was afterwards, on 7 *July*, *Anno* 8 *Jac. I*,<sup>m</sup> granted to *Anthony Aucher* and Sir *Thomas Hardres*, *Red-*

<sup>a</sup> Pat. 16 *Hen. VI.*    <sup>i</sup> Dugd. p. 183.    <sup>k</sup> Notitia Monastica, p. 28. ut prius citat.

<sup>m</sup> Rot. Pat. 20 *Eliz.*    <sup>l</sup> Pat. 8 *James I*, p. 49.

*deno*, 6*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*  $\frac{1}{4}$  I also find that *Anno* 1627, King *Charles* the first granted to *Henrietta* his Queen 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Rent issuing out of *Padbury* Rectory.

The Number of Families in this Parish, as returned *Anno* 1712, is 72. The Assessment to the Land Tax then was 135*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*

I do not find any Lands given to Charity in this Parish.

The Valor of the Vicaridge, as it was rated *Anno* 1534, in the King's Books, for first Fruits and Tenths, is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Tho' the clear value being *Temp. Reginæ Annæ* given in at only 35*l.* it is exempt from the Payment of first Fruits.

*Anno* 1291, this Vicaridge was not valued, but the Rectory was given at 18 Marks, or 12*l.* as aforesaid.

The Church, which is dedicated to the Honour of *the Blessed Virgin Mary's Nativity* (and has a Wake or Feast kept the *Sunday* following, *Sept.* 8.) consists of a Body, two Iles, and Chancel, all which are Leaded; at the West End is an embattled Tower, in which hang six Bells, cast out of five in the Year 1716, which five Bells were cast out of four, about the Year 1680, and being very untuneable were new-run again, and made six. The Church was new Battlemented *Anno* 1584.

The Church and Chancel is about 70 Foot long, and the Body and side Iles are about 34 Foot in Breadth.

Here is no Monument or Painted Glass, or any thing worth noting in the whole Church, except this Inscription, on a white Marble Compartment, affix'd to the Chancel South Wall, which is as follows:

" In Spem Resurrectionis ad Vitam æternam, juxta jacent Reliquiæ  
 " *Harris Smith*, Generosi, Vir Juris Legumque peritus; Justitia clarus, et Operibus Misericordiæ non minus insignis. Prope quoque  
 " jacent Reliquiæ *Franciscæ*, dilectissimæ ejus Uxoris, Mulier singulis  
 " Virtutis gratiis, decorata, Uxor fidelis, Mater indulgens, Indigis  
 " Solamen, et Dei Optimi Cultrix observantissima. Maritus obiit,  
 " *Anno* *Ætatis* suæ 41, *Anno* Gratia 1690. Uxor obiit, *Anno* *Ætatis*  
 " 45, *Anno* Gratia 1705."  
 " Præ Filiali Parentum amore hoc Monumentum Memorix sacrum erexit  
 " *Richardus Smith*, Armiger, 1726."

An handsome Capital House, or Seat, hath been built near the Church by the aforesaid *Harris Smith*, Father to *Richard Smith*, Esq. the present Possessor, *Anno* 1735, who hath greatly improved it, and made good Offices, Gardens, and Walks. He was, *Anno* 1725, High Sheriff of this County. He married, in the Year 1718, *Penelope*, youngest Daughter of Sir *John Chester*, of *Chicheley*, in this County, Baronet, by whom he hath a numerous Issue.

Terrier *October* 1607, *Thomas Harris*, alias *Smith*, Minister.

The Home:all contains Half an Acre. The Vicaridge House built of Timber

Timber and Thatcht, consisting of three Bays Chambered over and Boarded. A Barn of two Bays Thatcht. One Acre of Meadow in *Sternold Mead*, and another Acre of Meadow in *Brodmere Mead*.

But I come now to the Names of the Incumbents, from the Registers of *Lincoln*.

*Peter de Eftforbi* was presented *Anno* 1227, by the Prior and Convent of *Bradwell* to the Church of *Padbury*.

[*N. B.* This is the only Institution I have met with of its being presented to as a Rectory. He occurs Rector *Anno* 1241.]

*John de Norton* was presented [1274] to the Vicaridge of *Paddebiri*, by the Prior and Convent of *Bradwell*, *de novo Appropriat. ipsis Religiosis; ordinata vero fuit Vicaria predicta per Dom. Episcopum* 8 Junii, 1274, as it is expressed in the Bishop's Register, lately appropriated to the Religious of that Convent.

*N. B.* The Vicaridge aforesaid was endowed by the Bishop, 8 June, 1274.

*John Pyrie* died Vicar *Anno* 1298, and was succeeded by

*Ralph de Lutterworth*, instituted Dec. 3, 1298, on the Death of *Pyrie*, on the Presentation of the Convent of *Bradwell*. He resigned *Anno* 1315, and was succeeded by

*William de Offyngton*, instituted 10 Cal. Oct. 1315.

*Adam de Preston* was instituted 6 Non. Maii, 1326, on *Offyngton's* Resignation.

*Simon Freeman* was instituted 9 Cal. Oct. 1349, on *Preston's* Resignation.

*John de Adstock* was instituted 3 Id. Aug. 1361, on *Simon* the last Vicar's Death.

*Thomas Haddon* exchanged it *Anno* 1377, for *Wishaw Co. Warwick*, with *John Eton*, 2 Cal. Dec. 1377. He exchanged it the same Year for *Hulcot* near *Alebury*, with

*Thomas Coupe*, June 12, 1377.

*John Heton*, last Vicar, died, and was succeeded by

*John Prentys*, instituted Nov. 17, 1406.

*N. B.* In Bishop *Cbedworth's* Register, Fol. 41. We meet with the Union of the Vicaridge with the Rectory or Church of *Padbury*, both which being consolidated about 1455, *Bradwell* Priory got the Church without Institution to the Vicaridge supplied by Curates, who were, no doubt, Monks of their Convent, which, as I presume, being complained of, they were obliged to present to it again as a Vicaridge; for I find that

*Roland Frytbbank* became instituted Sep. 27, 1506, on the Presentation of *Bradwell* Priory, to the Vicaridge of *Padbury*, as was

*Richard Allways*, A. B. instituted Aug. 10, 1507, on *Frytbbank's* Resignation. He died in 1538, and was succeeded by

*John Hayward*, inst. Nov. 11, 1538, on the Presentation of the Convent of *Sheene Co. Surry*, on the Death of *Richard Allways*. He, viz. *Hayward* began



began the Register, *Anno* 1538, and was buried here *Oct.* 29, 1559, as appears by the Entry of his Name in the Register; tho' who succeeded him does not occur: for I presume no Vicar was instituted in twelve Years, and that

*John Read*, who became presented by *Queen Elizabeth*, *Oct.* 30, 1573, might possibly, before Institution, supply it. He was buried here, as appears by the Register, *Nov.* 15, 1593. On his Death

*Thomas Harris*, alias *Smith*, became instituted *Jan.* 17, 1593, on *Queen Elizabeth's* Presentation. He was buried here *Aug.* 18, 1644. After his Death, as I am informed,

*Edward Ummant*, A. M. who had been, *Anno* 1638, elected School-master of the County Town of *Bucks.* took this Vicaridge, *Anno* 1644, for which, I suppose, he left his School; for he had a Son named *John*, born here, *Anno* 1646, and another named *Edward*, born here, *Anno* 1649. Mr. *Ummant* occurs Vicar *Anno* 1663, at the Archidiaconal Visitation. His Successor was

*Roger Griffith*, A. B. who subscribes himself Curate here, *Anno* 1665. He was the same Year licensed School-master of *Bucks.* where he died, as I am informed, and was buried without any Memorial.

*George Bate*, LL. B. was presented by the King, *Jan.* 29, 1682, on the Death of *Roger Griffith*. He quitted it for the Rectory of *Stoke-Hammond*, and was succeeded by

*William White*, A. B. instituted *Feb.* 21, 1686, on the Cession of *George Bate*. He quitted it for *Steeple Claydon* Vicaridge, *Anno* 1715, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Choslin*, A. B. Vicar of *Thornborough*, instituted *Anno* 1715. He died and was buried here *April* 9, 1729, and succeeded by

*William Halfed*, A. M. instituted *Feb.* 5, 1729, on the Crown's Presentation, who is the present Vicar, *Anno* 1735, and also of *Thornborough*, and School-Master of *Bucks.*

The Old Register, which begins *Anno* 1538, and ends *Anno* 1654, has these Entries, which I noted from it.

## MARRIAGES.

*Ralph Waller* and *Agnes Sanders*, 1560.

*George Chalonier* Gent. and *Susanna Temple*, 1631.

## BAPTISMS.

*Emery* and *Winefred*, Daughters of *Thomas Harris*, 1567.

*John*, Son of *Thomas Snow*, Senior, 1598.

*Harris*, Son of *Richard Smith* Gent. and *Anne* his Wife, 1650

## BURIALS.

*John Snow* 1558.

*Thomas Hillersden* 1570.

Eight Soldiers buried *July* 2, 1643.

PRESTON

## PRESTON BISSET.

**P**RESTON, i. e. *Villa Presbyteri*; as it receives hence its first, so it does its second Appellation, from the Owner.

In the Time of the *Norman* Survey it was given to *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*, of whom Mention has been already sufficiently made. 'Tis thus surveyed in *Doomsday Book*:

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis, in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Aufcotus de Ros tenet de Episcopo Prestone. Pro xv Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Domino sunt iii, et xi Villani; cum vii Bordariis, habentibus v Carucatas. Ibi vi Servi, et i Molendinum de xxxii Denariis. Pratum viii Carucatarum. Silva cc Porcorum. Valet c s. Quando recepit iv Libras. Tempore Regis Edwardi tantundem.*

*Aufcotus de Ros* holds *Prestone* of the Bishop of *Baieux*. It is rated at fifteen Hides. The Arable is eight Carucates. There are three in Demesne. There are eleven Villans or Copyholders and seven Cottagers: they have five Carucates. There are six Servants, and one Mill of 32 *d*. Meadow sufficient for eight Carucates: Maf for two hundred Hogs. It is worth one hundred Shillings; when hereceived 4 *l*. In King *Edward's* Time it was as much.

*Hot Manerium tenuit Wilaf, Homo Leuvinii Comitit, et vendere potuit.*

*Wilaf*, Tenant to Earl *Leuvin*, held this Manor, and could sell it.

Soon after Bishop *Odo's* Forfeiture of this Manor, *Anno* 1088, 1 *Will. II.*, it probably came into the Hands of the *Bissets*, who having great Possessions in *Wiltshire*, were in King *Stephen's* Time Founders of *Maiden-Bradley* Convent in that County, to which Monastery *Ernulfus Bisset* was a great Benefactor, and bestowed on it Lands in this Parish of *Preston*<sup>a</sup>, as did also *John*, Son of *John de Preston*. And that the *Bissets* continued possessed of this Manor<sup>b</sup> till *Edward I's* Time<sup>c</sup>, we may judge by the Fines *Anno* 1290, wherein we are informed, that *William Bisset* passed away the Manor of *Preston*, and Lands in *Preston* and *Covele*, or *Cowley*, to *Hugh de Broc*.

And in the said King's Reign, viz. *Anno* 1300<sup>c</sup>, we find that *William Touchet* obtained a Grant of free Warren in *Preston* and *Covele*: But the Lord of this Manor, *Temp. Edw. II* and *III*, and that of *Covele*, (tho' how it descended to him I have not seen)<sup>d</sup> was *Giles de Badlesmere*, whose Issue Male failing, *William Lord Roos*, of *Hamlake*, having married *Margery* his Sister, and Co-heir<sup>e</sup>, became in her Right possessed of this Manor of *Preston*, and

<sup>a</sup> Regist. de Nutley, p. 46.

<sup>b</sup> Rot. Fin. 18 *Edw. I.*, p. 208.

<sup>c</sup> Cart. 29 *Edw. I.* n. 51.

<sup>d</sup> Baronage, vol. ii. p. 59.

<sup>e</sup> Ibid. p. 60.

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so it continued in his Heirs till the Attainder of *Thomas Lord Roos*, or *Ros*, Anno 1467, 7 *Edw.* IV<sup>e</sup>, when that King bestowed the same on *Richard Fowler*, who died seized thereof Nov. 3, Anno 1477<sup>f</sup>, and was succeeded by his Brother *Thomas Fowler*; to whom, Anno 1485, 1 *Ric.* III<sup>e</sup>, the King gave a Confirmation of this Manor. But the Scene being changed, and the Lord *Ros* restored, Anno 1487, by *Hen* VII, this Manor reverted and belonged to his Descendants, and so came with his Titles and Possessions, by Marriage of *Eleanor*, Sister and Coheir of *Edmund Lord Roos*, to the Family of *Manners Earl of Rutland*, who enjoyed it 'till about the Year 1630, when, as I learn, they sold their Right to the *Caters*, and so it came by Marriage of *Alice* Daughter of *John Cater*, to *Robert Gibbs*, who in the Year 1699, 11 *Will.* III, conveyed this Royalty to Sir *Edmund Denton*, Bart. elder Brother to Mr. Justice *Denton*, the present Proprietor, who receives, by Virtue of being Lord hereof, six Pounds *per Annum* Quit Rent.

How the Advowson came to be severed from the Manor I have not seen. But it appears to have been so very early; viz. before *Edw.* I<sup>st</sup>'s Time; for Anno 1262, 46 *Hen.* III, it was in the Gift of *Henry de Belesby*, or *Greynesby de Belesby*<sup>h</sup>, a *Lincolnshire* Family, from whom, as I presume, it came by Marriage of an Heiress, *Temp.* *Hen.* VI, to the *Langstons* of *Caversfield*; for they occur Patrons, and presented to the Rectory from the Year 1426, 4 *Hen.* VI, 'till Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, when I conceive they sold their Right to the Family of *Major*<sup>i</sup>, who had considerable Demesnes at *Cowley*. For Anno 1602, 44 *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Major* is, in an Account given in to the Bishop, returned to be Patron here. Soon after which it appears to be sold to the *Woods*, of whom, and other their Trustees, it was by Deed of Bargain and Sale, dated Jan. 12 and 13, 1655, conveyed to *Edmund Denton*, of *Hillesden*, Esq. (Grandfather to Mr. Justice *Denton*, the present Patron hereof Anno 1735,) who bought it of *Wood*'s Trustees or Mortgagees, who were *Edward Butterfield*, *Hetbill Wood*, *Peter Paxton*, and *Dorothy* his Wife, *Richard Waddesden*, and *Dorothy* his Wife, for they all joyned together; and having as aforesaid on Jan. 12, 1655<sup>k</sup>, assigned and made over their Interest and Right to *John Kersey*, and *Richard Blagrove*, in Trust, they accordingly made a Conveyance thereof, the Day following, viz. Jan. 13, 1655, to the aforesaid *Edmund Denton*, Esq.

In the Fines of Lands levied in the County of *Buckingham*, I meet with the Hamlet of *Cowley* in this Parish, joined with *Preston*; and so I presume they have always gone as one Manor united together, viz. *Preston cum Cowley*.

In the Inquisitions it is returned, in *Hen.* VIII<sup>th</sup>'s Time, that *John Langston* died December 30, 1525, *inter alia*, seized of *Preston Advowson*, and 16 Acres there, called *Patrons Mead*, and a Messuage and two Clofes, and two Acres of Lands held in Soccage of the Earl of *Rutland*, at 18 *d.* Rent.

<sup>a</sup> Pat. 7. *Edw.* IV.    <sup>f</sup> Escheat 17 *Edw.* IV.    <sup>g</sup> Pat. 1 *Ric.* III.    <sup>Regist.</sup> *Lincoln.*  
<sup>h</sup> Ibid. viz. Register *Lincoln.*    <sup>i</sup> Ex MSS. apud Buckden.    <sup>k</sup> Ex Evidentiis.

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In *Edw. Vith's* Time, I find that *William Giffard*, a younger Brother of the *Giffards* of *Twysford*, resided at *Cowley*; and had a Daughter named *Anne*, married to *Richard Curzon*, of *Walter Perry Co. Oxon*, of whom I presume the *Majors* bought their Estate here, and so succeeded to the *Giffards* Demesnes at *Cowley*,

*Anno 1533*, it was returned, that the Abbey of *Nutley* had Lands in *Preston* *juxta Bukingham* of 18 *s. per Annum* Value.

The Parish of *Preston* contains about 1100 Acres, and is bounded South by *Twysford*; West by *Cbetwood* and *Barton*, North by *Tingwick*, East by *Bucks* and *Hillesdon*. Here were, *Anno 1712*, reckoned to be 47 Families, and it was then assessed 135 *l. 16 s. 10 d.* to the Land Tax: There were no Lands here then returned as his given to Charities in this Parish. The Rectory was valued 26 *Hen. VIII, 1535*, at 11 *l. 9 s. 4 d. ½*.

In the Taxation, made 1291, 19 *Edw. I*, it was estimated only at 10 Marks: It is reputed to be worth 140 *l. per Annum*.

Terrier, *Off. 20, 1674, Richard Bankes, Rector.*

The Parsonage House with an Orchard and two Clofes. A Plot of Ground called *Gleabin*: A rick Yard for which 6 *d.* due to the Church: twenty Lands, seventeen Yards, and seven Butts in *West Field*; one Acre twenty-six Lands seven Yards, six Butts, three Leas, six Acres, and one Gore in *Furfield*.

One Close at *Cowley*, of about eleven Acres, and one Acre more at *Cowley*.

The Church here, which is dedicated to *St. John Baptist*, (and has a Wake or Feast held the Sunday after *June 24*) is a small Fabrick, consisting of a Body and two small side Iles, and Chancel, all which are Leaded; at the West End is a mean low Tower, erecting itself a little above the Roof of the Church, in which hang two small Bells, tho' here was also, as I am informed, a third Bell formerly.

Here are no old Inscriptions, or painted Glass, and only these Inscriptions in the Chancel.

On a Grave-stone, the Effigies of a Woman and six Children, on a Plate of Brass, this engraven:

“ Here lieth the Body of *Anne Major*, Wife of *Edmund Major*, the  
 “ Younger; Gentleman. She was Daughter to *Edward Aylworth*, of  
 “ *Aylworth*, in the County of *Glocester*, Esq. who lived virtuously, and  
 “ died christianly, the 22 day of *Feb. 1615*, leaving behind four Sons  
 “ and two Daughters.

On other Stones these Inscriptions:

- " *Richardus Bankes*, hujus Parochiæ Rector dignissimus, Collegii *Lincoln*.  
 " quondam Socius; Doctrina insignis, Pietate exemplaris, Pauperum.  
 " Patronus, Amicis fidus, et Bonis Omnibus charus. Obiit 1 die Octo-  
 " bris, 1679, Ætatis 31.  
 " *Johannes Ford*, Artium Magister, et Minister de *Hillesden*, obiit Jun.  
 " 6, 1684, Ætatis suæ 34, quem Doctrina reddiderat Ecclesiæ utilem,  
 " Probitas bonis amabilem, Comitas Omnibus Gratum, et Pietas  
 " Cælis idoneum.  
 " Exuvizæ *Edmundi Major*, Clerici, Eccl. de *Whitchurch*, in Com. *Oxon*.  
 " et *Turweston*, in Com. *Bucks* nuper Rectoris; Filii *Aylworth Major*,  
 " Generosi, de *Cowley*, prope adjacentis hujus Parochiæ parte. Obiit.  
 " 17 Octobris, A. D. 1685.

Arms on this Grave-stone, *A Fess between six Billets*, Impaling, On a Bend Engrailed three *Fleur de Lis*.

Near the Communion Table is an old Gravestone, with an antique Cross on it, with Steps at the Bottom of it, seemingly as antient as the Reign of King *Edw. I*, viz. about 1300.

At the End of the Chancel, on an Altar Tomb in the Church yard, this Inscription:

- " Erigitur hoc Monumentum in Memoriam Reverendissimi *Dan Whitby*,  
 " Generosi, hujus Parochiæ Rectoris 11 Annos; qui obiit 24 die  
 " Junii, A. D. 1674, Ætatis suæ 65."

Anno 1528, I meet with the Will of *Thomas Woodward*, Gent. in which he appoints to be buried in *Preston Church* before the Image of *St. John Baptist*, and directs a Marble to be laid over his Grave.

#### PRESTON Rectores, ex Registris *Lincoln*.

*Ralph de Neston* occurs Rector Anno 1259, 43 Hen. III.

*William de Foderingbay*, was presented on *Neston's* Resignation, Anno 1262, by *Henry de Belesby*. He died Anno 1300, 28 Edw. I, and was succeeded by

*Roger de Foderingbay*, collated by the Bishop Anno 1300, 3 Cal. Aug. ad Eccl. de *Preston juxta Bucks*, on a Lapse.

*Roger de Tyrington* was instituted 17 Cal. Jun. Anno 1307, on the Death of *Roger*, on the Presentation of *Henry de Greynesby*. He exchanged it for *Hays* in *Middlesex*, with

*Henry de Pluckele* 4 Cal. Nov. Anno 1319, 12 Edw. II. He exchanged it for *Easterkeel Co. Lincoln*, with

*Edward de Grymesby*, instituted 12 Cal. Dec. Anno 1324, on the Presentation of *Henry de Greynesby*. He resigned Anno 1327, 1 Edw. III, to

*Robert de Grymesby*, and he was instituted 3 Id. April. Anno 1327, 1 Edw. III, on the Presentation of *Henry de Greynesby*.

*Henry de Greynesby* was instituted Nov. 2 Anno 1349, 23 Edw. III, on the Death.

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Death of *Robert de Grymesby*, on the Presentation of *Edmund de Grymesby* or *Greynesby*. He resigned it *Anno 1353*, 27 *Edw. III*, and was succeeded by

*John de Derlington*, instituted 17 *Cal. Feb. Anno 1353*, on the Presentation of *Edmund de Greynesby*. He exchanged it for *Neiber Teynton*, with

*Henry de Greynesby*, and he was a second time instituted 5 *Non. Mar. Anno 1355*, on the Presentation of *Robert*, Son and Heir of *William Reyner, de Greynesby*. He resigned it on taking *Silkeston Rectory*, and was succeeded by

*Walter de Skirlaw* instituted *Id. Jan. Anno 1357*, 31 *Edw. III*, on the Presentation of *Robert* Son and Heir of *William de Greynesby*. He was afterwards the worthy Bishop of *Litchfield, Wells, and Durbam*. He quitted this on his being made Archdeacon of the East Riding of *Yorkshire*, *Anno 1361*, 35 *Edw. III*, and was succeeded by

*John de Gerney*, instituted *Anno 1361*, 6. *Id. Maii*, on the Presentation of *William* Son of *Henry de Greynesby*.

*Henry de Greynesby* seems to have taken it a third time *Anno 1362*, 36 *Edw. III*, for

*Thomas de Lowthorp* was instituted *Id. Julii 1365*, on the Presentation of *Henry de Greynesby*, on the Resignation of *Henry* last Rector.

*John Low* was presented *April 22, Anno 1369*, on *Lowthorp's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Henry Greynesby*.

*Alan Synt* occurs next. He resigned it *Anno 1403*, 4. *Hen. IV*, and was succeeded by

*John Merston*, instituted 8. *Aug. Anno 1403*, on the Presentation of *Robert Reyner de Greynesby*.

*William Toogood* was instituted 10. *June, Anno 1432*, 10. *Hen. VI*, on the Presentation of *John Langston* of *Caversfield*, who I suppose married the Daughter and Heir of *Greynesby*.

*John Winnington* was instituted *Mar. 21 Anno 1453*, on the Death of *William Toogood*, on the Presentation of *John Langston*.

*John de la Row*, A. M. was instituted 4. *Oct Anno 1462*, 2. *Edw. IV*, on the Resignation of *Winnington*, on the Presentation of *John Langston* of *Caversfield*, Esq.

*Richard Fyvian* was instituted *June 3, Anno 1481*, 21. *Edw. IV*, on *de la Row's* Death, on *John Langston's* Presentation.

*Richard Underwood* was instituted *Mar. 20, 1508*, 23. *Hen. VII*, on *Fyvian's* Death, on the Presentation of *John Langston*.

*Robert White* was instituted *Dec. 2, Anno 1530*, on *Underwood's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *John Herman*, Esq.

*Edward Marjhe* was instituted *April 20, Anno 1558*, not said how vacant, on the Presentation of *John Dotyne*, Clerk, by reason of this Turn being granted him by *John Langston*, Esq.

*Hugh Harris*, LL. B. was instituted *Aug. 17, Anno 1558*, the same Year, on *Marjhe's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *John Langston*, Esq.

*Thomas*

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*Thomas Kent*, LL. B. was instituted 2 April, Anno 1559; 1 Eliz. on the Presentation of *Joan Langston*, Widow, and was also Rector of *Marsh Gibwen* and Canon of *Christ Church*, Oxford, where he resided in that College, and dyed Dec. 26, 1561, was buried in that Cathedral without any Memorial.

*Otbo Hunt* was presented by *John Wood* of Oxford, Anno 1562; 4 Eliz. on *Thomas Kent's* Death, by Reason of the Advowson having been granted him by *Joan Langston*, of *Coversfield*, Widow

*Richard Tellow* was presented on *Hunt's* Resignation, Anno 1564, by *John Stamford*. His Successor was

*Walkeden Wood*, A. M. (who built good Part of the Rectory House) instituted Aug. 28, Anno 1604, 2 Jac. I, on *Tellow's* Death, on the Presentation of *Edmund Major*, Gentleman.

*Jonathan Wood*, A. M. was instituted May 15, 1645, on the Presentation of *Elizabeth Wood*, Widow, on *Walkeden Wood's* Death. He occurs Rector Anno 1650, as does

*Richard Edmonds*, Anno 1652.

*Robert Townshend*, S. T. P. was presented by the King Nov. 19, Anno 1662. per *Pravitate Simonie*. However I find

*Daniel Whitby*, instituted April 15, Anno 1663, on the Presentation of *John Kersey*, Gent. and he died Anno 1674, and was buried here.

*Richard Banks* succeeded, being instituted July 28, 1674, on *Whitby's* Death. He died and was buried here Anno 1679, and succeeded by

*Robert Townsend*, S. T. P. instituted June 16, 1679, on the Presentation of *Alexander Denton*, Esq. He died Anno 1706, and was buried here, and succeeded by

*Stephen Townsend*, A. M. instituted Oct. 24, 1706, on the Death of Dr. *Townsend*, on the Presentation of Sir *Edmund Denton*, Bart. He died and was buried here, July 8, 1724, and succeeded by

*Robert Styles*, A. M. instituted Nov. 27, 1724, on the Presentation of *Alexander Denton*, Esq. He is the present worthy Rector 1735.

The Register begins but Anno 1662. I took only these two Notes out of it:

### MARRIAGES.

Mr. *Stephen Townsend*, Clerk, and *Margaret* Daughter of Dr. *Robert Townsend*, April 14, 1696.

### BURIALS.

*Jane*, Wife of *William Kirby*, buried 1663.

RADCLIFF.

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**D**Enominated from its Situation on a Cliff, the Soil being of a Red Colour. It is thus described in *Doomsday Book*.

*Terra Rogeri de Iveri in Stodfield Hundred.*

*M. Fulco tenet de Rogerio Radeclive. Pro v Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iii, et vi Villani, cum iv Bordariis, habentibus iii Carucatas; et ad huc ii possunt fieri. Ibi iii Servi, et i Molendinum de 5s. Pratum viii Carucatarum. Inter totum valet 100s. Quando recepit iv Libras. Tempore Regis Edwardi v Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Azor, Toti filius, et vendere potuit.*

*Foulk holds of Roger de Iveri Radeclive Manor. It was rated at five Hides. The Arable is viii Carucates. There are iii in Demesne. There are six Copyholders and four Cottagers, having three Carucates, and two more may be made. There are three Servants and a Mill of v Shillings. Meadow for eight Carucates. In the whole it is worth 100s. when he received 4 l. In King Edward's Time 5 l.*

*Azor Son of Toti, held this Manor, and could sell it.*

This Roger de Iveri (so named from *Iveri*, a Town in *Normandy*) coming over with the Conqueror, obtained from him several Lordships in these Parts, and had together in Conjunction with *Robert Dayly* the Barony of *St. Wallery*.

To this Roger, who died *Anno 1087*, 1 *Will. II*, succeeded *Jeffry* his Son, who dying *Anno 1112*, 12 *Hen. I*, that King bestowed his Barony of *St. Wallery* on *Guy de St. Wallery*, to whom succeeded *Reginald* his Son, and to him *Bernard* his Son, whose Son *Thomas de St. Wallery* dying *Anno 1220*, 4. *Hen. III*. without Issue Male, this Manor came to the Family of *St. Lis*, a younger Branch of *St. Lis's*, Earls of *Huntingdon* and *Northampton*, who, *Tempore Hen. III*, enjoyed both Manor and Advowson: For I find them then in the Possession of *Sir Simon Liz* and *Sir John Seynt Liz*, as I do also in the next Reigns, viz. *Edward* the First and Second, in the Tenure of *Andrew de St. Lis*<sup>b</sup>, who *Anno 1313*, 8 *Edw. II*, obtained a Grant of Free Warren in his Manor of *Radeclive*. He represented the County of *Buckingham* in Parliament, *Anno 1326*, 19 *Edw. II*, *Anno 1327*, 1 *Edw. III*, and *Anno 1328*, 2 *Edw. III*<sup>d</sup>. And in this Family this Advowson and Manor remained in *Edw. III*<sup>d</sup>'s Time, it being, *Anno 1340*, still in the Possession of the *St.*

<sup>a</sup> See an Account of this Family in *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. I. p. 454. and *Kent's Parochial Antiquities*, from whence this Account is chiefly extracted.

<sup>b</sup> Pat. 8 *Edw. II*.    <sup>c</sup> *Pryn's Brevia Parliament*.



*Lis's.* But in about 25 Years after it was alienated to *William de Wickham* who being, *Anno* 1363, 37 *Edw.* III, made Prebendary of *Buckingham*, purchased it about the Year 1365, and becoming Bishop of *Winchester*, and founding, *Anno* 1379, 2 *Ric.* II, a College in *Oxford*, now known by the Name of *New College*, endowed it among other Estates with this Manor and Advowson; both which have ever since that Foundation (in the Year 1379, as aforesaid) appertained thereto, as they do now at this present Time *Anno* 1735.

But besides this Manor thus vested in *New College*, here is a small titular Manor belonging to the Right Honourable Sir *Richard Temple*, Lord *Cobham*, who holds a Court Leet in *Chalkmore Field*, which he claims under the Honor of *Ewelme*.

This Parish is bounded West by *Tingwick* and *Water-Stratford*, North by *Stow* and *Moreton*, East and South East by *Buckingham*.

It is of no great Extent, the Number of Families both at *Radcliff* and the Hamlet of *Chalkmore* (that is the *Chalky Moor*) were returned to be, *Anno* 1712, only 29, and of Souls 120. It was then assessed to the Land Tax 92*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* the Rectory was, *Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII, valued for first Fruits at 8*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* 'tis reputed worth 90*l.* per Annum. It was valued *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, at 8 Marks. It pays a Pension of about 12*l.* per Annum to *New College*, which Pension was, as I suppose, laid on the Rectory on the consolidating, annexing, and uniting the Chantry Endowment to the Parsonage or Rectory, and so settled on the College for Performance of some Exercises to be done by certain Scholars on some publick Days.

Here was also antiently paid out of the Rectory a Pension of a Mark a Year to *Oseney Abbey*, and 5*s.* to the Prebendary of *Sutton cum Buckingham*.

The Register begins *Anno* 1564. But I met with nothing memorable in it. Though I have been informed by the very learned Mr. *Thomas Baker*, B.D. late Fellow of *St. John's College, Cambridge*, that the famous Dr. *Martin Lister*, Doctor in Physick, the great Benefactor to the *Museum* at *Oxford*, was born here, for that College Register styles him a Native of *Radcliff* in *Buckinghamshire*, and notes, that he was born here about 1638, and bred up at School at *Melton Mowbray* in *Leicestershire*, and admitted Fellow of *St. John's College Cambridge*, Sept. 6, 1660. But Mr. *Anthony Wood*, in his *Athenæ Oxon.* says, he was a *Yorkshire* Man born. He was living *Anno* 1708, being then Fellow of the College of Physicians in *London*.

Here were, before the Reformation, Altars of *St. John the Evangelist*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Catherine*. Here was, a House and Close of 17 Acres given to charitable Uses; but the House was let fall, and the Lands divided and shared among the Parishioners, as it was returned *Anno* 1712 to the Bishop of *Lincoln*.

<sup>d</sup> Regist. *Lincoln*.

<sup>e</sup> Ex Testamentis probat, in Archid. *Bucks*.

Terrier, *Anno* 1639, *Ambrose Sacheverell*, Rector.

The Parsonage, consisting of 8 Bays, is built of Stone, whereof five Bays Tyled, three Thatcht, and divided into 14 Rooms, above and below; two Barns, one of Stone of 6 Bays.

The Home-Stall contains an Acre and a Rood, a Yard Land in the common Field of *Radcliff* and *Chalkmore*, of 20 Acres, a Close of four Acres called *Blackwater's*, an Acre of Lot Meadow in *Stratford Field*.

The Manor House, belonging to *New College*, is a handsome Seat. It belonged *Temp. Car. I.* to Sir *Thomas Denton*, and afterwards *Temp. Car. II.* to Sir *William Smith*, Baronet, Member of Parliament for the Town of *Buckingham*, who inclosed a Park here, the Pales and Bounds of which are still kept up. It was conveyed in King *William's* Reign by Sir *William Smith* to Captain *John Woodfine*, who died 25 Dec. 1693, aged 48. and was buried in *Stepney Church-Yard*, in *London*, as was his Son *John Woodfine*, who died in April 1709; the said Captain's Widow, Mrs. *Rebecca Woodfine*, after her Husband's Death, put down the Park and sold away the Deer. This Estate is now held, *Anno* 1735, by Mr. *Lee*, an eminent Surgeon and Citizen of *London*, their Son in Law.

The Church, which is dedicated to *St. John the Evangelist*, is a small Fa-brick. It has a Leaded Body or Nave and Tyled Chancel; at the West End is an embattled Tower, in which are three Bells. 'Tis in Length from East to West, including the Chancel and Tower, about 70 Feet, and in Breadth 18 Feet.

Here is the Portrait of our Lady with her Babe in the Chancel East Window in painted Glass; and in a Window of the Church *St. Catharine* with her Wheel; but no Arms remain in the Windows, or Roof, or any Part of the Church.

There are only these following Inscriptions on Gravestones in the Chancel.

1. " Here lieth the Body of *Mary*, the Daughter of *John Norborne* of *Woodford*, in the County of *Essex*, Esq; who departed this Life *Nov. 4, 1725, Aged 26.*"
2. " Hic jacet *Jobannes Norborne*, A. M. hujus Ecclesiae Rector, qui obiit Die Martii 14, Aetatis, 64 Anno Domino 1726."
3. " Here lyeth the Body of *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Norborne*, Rector of this Church, Daughter of *Timothy Lydiat*, Vicar of *Portsea* in the County of *Southampton*, who departed this Life *Nov. 28, 1720. Aged 64.*"

*Anno* 1328, 2 *Edw. III.* I find a Licence granted to *Andrew de St. Liz.* to erect a Chantry Chapel at *Radcliff*: But this was rather a Confirmation of a former Grant. For I find that *Anno* 1276, 4 *Edw. I.* *Elias de Luffenham* was instituted to the Chantry of *St. Michael* at *Radcliff*, then void, on the Presentation of Sir *Simon de St. Liz.* by the Resignation of *Ralph de St. Liz.*

He was also Rector of *Radcliff*, and held both together. His Successor on his Resignation was

*Robert de Cornwall*, instituted *Anno 1296, 24 Edw. I.*, on *Andrew de St. Liz's* Presentation. He resigned it next Year, and was succeeded by

*Robert de Luffenham*, instituted *8 Feb. Anno 1297, 25 Edw. I.* He resigned it the same Year, and was succeeded by

*William de Warwick*, instituted *3 Mar. Anno 1297, 25 Edw. I.*, and he was presented to *St. Michael's* Chantry Chapel at *Radcliff*, as it is called in the Presentation. But he held it not long, for it is plain that

*Robert de Luffenham* came into it again, and died possessed hereof *Anno 1310, 3 Edw. II.*, when

*Ralph de St. Liz*, Rector of *Radcliff* Parish, seems to have accepted it, and held it in Union with his Church from *Anno 1310*, to *Anno 1314*, when he resigned it to

*Roger Skyret* of *Bucks*, who was instituted *2 Id. June, Anno 1314, 7 Edw. II.*, he died *Anno 1325, 18 Edw. II.*, and was succeeded by a second

*Ralph de St. Liz*, who was, as I take it, instituted *4 Id. Julii, Anno 1325*, on the Death of *Roger de Bucks*. He held it with the Rectory of this Church of *Radcliff*, and was succeeded in both by

*Thomas de Waldegrave*, instituted *11 Cal. Aug. Anno 1349, 23 Edw. III.*, on the Death of *Ralph de St. Liz*, on the Presentation of *John de Wolverton*. After his Death, which happened *Anno 1361*, this Chantry seems to have had no Institution for four Years; for I find

*John de Longtoft* was instituted *3 Id. June, Anno 1365, 39 Edw. III.*, to the Chantry of *St. Michael* Chapel of *Radcliff*, on the Death of *Thomas de Waldegrave*, last Incumbent, on the Presentation of *William de Wickbam*, Lord of the Manor of *Radcliff*. He, viz. *Longtoft*, is the last I find ever presented to this Chantry Chapel, which, whether it was founded in *Radcliff* Church, or at the Village of *Cbalkmore*, does not appear: But it is plain after his Time both the Rectory and Chantry became consolidated; for we meet with no more mention of it in any Registers of *Lincoln* or other Accounts. But I come now from the Registers of *Lincoln* to exhibit a List of the Rectors of *Radcliff*.

#### *Radcliff* Rectors.

*William* occurs Parson of *Radcliff*, *Anno 1220, 4 Hen. III.*, in old Deeds.

*Ralph de St. Liz*, was admitted Rector of *Radcliff*, *Anno 1271, 55 Hen. III.*, on the Presentation of *Sir Simon St. Liz*, Knight.

*Roger Skyret* of *Bucks*, was instituted *2 Id. Jun. Anno 1314, 7 Edw. II.*, on the Resignation of *Ralph de St. Liz*, on the Presentation of *Andrew de St. Liz*.

*Ralph de St. Liz*, was instituted *4 Id. Julii, Anno 1325, 18 Edw. II.*, on the Death of *Roger de Bucks*, on the Presentation of *Andrew St. Liz*.

*Thomas de Waldegrave* was instituted *11 Cal. Aug. Anno 1349, 23 Edw. III.*, on the Death of *Ralph*, last Rector, on the Presentation of *John de Wolverton*.

*Walter*

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*Walter Heynes* was instituted 15 Cal. O<sup>r</sup>. Anno 1361, on the Presentation of *Thomas Brembre*, on the Death of *Thomas* last Rector. He occurs Rector Anno 1367, 41 Edw. III.

*William Knight*, Rector of *Radcliff*, died Anno 1374, 48 Edw. III, and was succeeded by

*William Burgbard*, instituted 28 Mar. Anno 1374, 48 Edw. III, on the Presentation of *William Wickbam*, Lord of *Radcliff*, and Bishop of *Winchester*.

*Robert Townsend* was instituted April 2, Anno 1376, 50 Edw. III, on the Presentation of the said *William Wickbam*. He exchanged it for *Higb Clere* in *Hants* with

*John Simonds* of *Stratton*, July 5, Anno 1377, 51 Edw. III, he exchanged it for *Colne Dennis* in Co. *Gloucestr.* with

*John Bertlet*, and he became instituted 6 Feb. Anno 1389, 12 Ricb. II, on the Presentation of the Wardens, Fellows, and Scholars, of *St. Mary Winton* College in *Oxford*, as all his Successors have been. He exchanged it for *St. Nicholas* Prebend, in *St. Mary's* College in *Sbrewsbury*, with

*John Morall*, 16 March, Anno 1392.

*John Herteball*, probably the same as *Morall*, died Rector here Anno 1401, 2 Hen. IV, and was succeeded by

*John Fyton*, instituted Aug. 15, Anno 1401. He resigned it, and was succeeded by

*Richard Malford*, A. M. presented Dec. 13, Anno 1402. He resigned it, and was succeeded by

*Richard Colyer*, instituted Dec. 13, Anno 1403.

*William Molkutt*, accepted it Anno 1412, and resigned it the next Year.

*William Stapulford*, LL. B. was instituted 9 Dec. Anno 1413, and changed it for a Chantry in *St. Paul's* Cathedral *London* with

*Thomas Barker*, O<sup>r</sup>. 16, Anno 1416. He exchanged it for *Wennington* in *Essex* with

*William Tbede*, O<sup>r</sup>. 19, Anno 1418. He exchanged it for *Hugenden* in this County with

*Augerum Timberland*, Dec. 2, Anno 1421. He exchanged it for *North-Weld* in *Essex*, with

*Thomas Pecbe*, Nov. 2, Anno 1422. He died Anno 1447, 25 Hen. VI, and was succeeded by

*John Pelcot*, 16 Mar. Anno 1447, on whose Resignation

*William Paket*, LL. B. became instituted 5 March, Anno 1449. He died Anno 1496, and was succeeded by

*John Deere* or *Deie*, A. M. instituted in July, Anno 1496, 11 Hen. VII, on *Paket's* Death. He died Anno 1527, 18 Hen. VIII, and was succeeded by

*Robert Seborne*, A. M. instituted 12 July, Anno 1527, 18 Hen. VIII; he occurs Rector Anno 1544, 35 Hen. VIII, as does

*Robert Jones*, Anno 1555 and Anno 1561, as does

*Robert Foster*, Anno 1562. He died and was buried here Dec. 1, and succeeded by

*Richard Daniel*, A. M. presented 5 Mar. Anno 1602, on the Death of *Robert Foster*. He was buried here April 5, Anno 1608, and succeeded by

*Ambrose Sacheverell*, LL. B. instituted May 18, 1608. He died Anno 1646, being also Prebendary of *Chichester* and Rector of *Tadmerton*, and was succeeded by

*Francis Bayley*, A. M. instituted Aug. 16, Anno 1646. His Successor was

*Robert Townsend*, presented July 7, Anno 1648. He died Rector here, and of *Preston*, and was buried at *Preston*, Oct. 6, Anno 1706.

*John Norborn*, A. M. succeeded, and was instituted Nov. 22, Anno 1706. He died Anno 1726, and was buried here, and succeeded by

*Richard Percival*, LL. B. instituted 10 May, Anno 1727. He died and was buried at *Adderbury Co. Oxon*, and succeeded by

*Charles Halford*, LL. B. the present Rector. Anno 1735, instituted Feb. 17, 1730-1.

## SHALSTON,

**C**ALLED in *Doomsday Book* *Celdestone*, quasi *Coldeast Town*, or the *Cold East Town*; or *Ceolestan*, which in *Saxon* may be termed *Cottage Town*, from *Ceole*, *Gurgustium*, a little *Cottage*. It is thus surveyed in *Doomsday Book*.

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis, in Stodfield Hundred.*

*Ipse Episcopus tenet in Celdestone v Hidas pro uno Manerio; Terra est v Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt ii; et iv Villani, cum i Bordario, habentibus ii Carucatas; et tertia potest fieri. Ibi iii Servi. Silva l Porcum. Valet xxx Solidos; quando recepit xx Solidos. Tempore Regis Edwardi iv Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuerunt ii Teigni pro ii Maneriis; Godricus iii Hidas, et Willaus ii Hidas; et cui voluerant vendere potuerunt.*

The Bishop of *Baieux* holds in *Celdestone* five Hides for one Manor. The Arable is five Carucates. There are two in Demesne, and four Villans or Copyholders, and one Bordair or Cottager. They have two Ploughs, and a third can be made. There are three Servants. Mast for fifty Hogs. It is worth 30 s. when he received 20 s. In King *Edward's* Time it was worth 4 l.

Two Thanes or Knights held it for two Manors; *Godric* held three Hides, and *Willaus* two Hides; and they could sell their Lands to whom they would.

*Terra:*

*Terra Roberti de Oilgi, in Stofield Hundred.*

*In Celdeſton tenet Robertus de Roberto iv Hidas pro i Manerio. Terra eſt v Carucatarum. In Dominio ſunt ii Carucate, et iv Villani cum iii Bordariis habentibus iii Carucatas. Ibi iv Servi. Silva l Porcorum. Hæc Terra valet xl Solidos. Quando recepit xxx Solidos. Tempore Regis Edwardi iii Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Azor, filius Toti, et vendere potuit.*

*Robert holds of Robert Doyley four Hides in Celdeſton for one Manor. The Arable is five Carucates. Two are in Demefne. There are four Copyholders and three Cottagers. They have three Ploughs. There are four Servants. Maſt for fifty Hogs. The Land is worth 40 s. when he received 30 s. In King Edward's Time 3 l.*

*Azor, Son of Toti, held this Manor, and could ſell it.*

After the Biſhop of *Baieux's* Forfeiture, Anno 1088, ſufficiently ſpoken of (as he held ten Manors in this Diviſion,) I preſume his Lands here might come into *Robert Doyly*, the other Lord's Hands; and ſo he having acquired both Manors, on his founding *Oſeney Abbey*, Anno 1129<sup>a</sup>, endowed it with the Tenthſ of his Demefnes here, as he had alſo done with thoſe in his other Manors.

However ſeveral Demefnes here were, as ſeems to me, in *Hen. IId's* Time in Owners Hands, hence ſurnamed, who occur Benefactors to the Priory of *Luffield*; but that Convent's greateſt Benefactors were the *Baynells*, whom I find poſſeſſed of the Manor here in King *John's* Reign, about the Year 1202; and are, *Tempore Hen. III*, returned Anno 1224, to hold a Knight's Fee here of the Honour of *Henry de Oily*<sup>b</sup>.

In the Register of *Luffield*, I find that *William Baynell* confirmed the Donation of Land, which *Walter* Son of *Harvey de Shalſton* had given to that Convent. And *William* Son of *William Baynell* gave a Yard Land at *Shalſton*, which belonged to *Hugh* Son of *Walter de Shalſton*. The *Baynells*<sup>c</sup> alſo, as Lords here, granted the Monks a Relaxation of all Secular Services, and confirmed ſeveral other Donations to *Luffield*; in which Register it is ſet forth, That there were in *Hen. IId's* Time<sup>d</sup>, 21 Yard Land in *Shalſton* in the Lord and his Tenants Hands: And that beſides theſe twenty one, there were three Yard Lands in the Hands of *John Walcot*; one Yard Land in *John Parkyns's* Hands; one in *John Mynns*, and that the Prior of *Luffield* had 7 Yard Land, one of which was called *Aldeſwall*; however in the Rental of *Luffield*, Anno 1468, not long before the annexing of it to *Westminſter Abbey*, all their Revenues in *Shalſton*, were returned to be only 1l. 8 s. 7 d.<sup>e</sup> and the total Number of Acres that Priory occupied here, were then eſtimated to be only 1115 and an half.

Anno 1291<sup>f</sup>, in the Taxation of Spiritualties, I find the Abbey of *Oſeney* received hence two Marks, or 1l. 6 s. 8 d. In which Year the Temporalities of the Priory of *Luffield* were 3 l. 2 s. 5 d. beſides 6 s. 8 d. in Spiritualties.

<sup>a</sup> Monafterion, vol. ii. p. 138.

<sup>b</sup> Ex Teſt. de Nevill.

<sup>c</sup> Ex Regiſt. *Luffield*.

<sup>d</sup> P. 138.

<sup>e</sup> Ibid.

<sup>f</sup> Ex Archivis *Lincoln*.

But I return now to the further Account of the Lords of *Shalston*, viz. the *Baynells*, who having continued Lords of this Town, and Patrons of this Church, 'till after the Year 1300, seem to have ended in the Male Line in *Edw. IId's* Reign, when this Estate came by the Marriage of *Mariana*, Daughter and Heir of *Baynell*, to *Laurence Ayete*: For I find Anno 1324, 18 *Edw. II.*, a Fine passed of this Manor <sup>s</sup> of *Shaldestone* by *Thomas de Teebewick*, Guardian of the said *Mariana*, to *Walter de Kryght*, who granted it to the said *Laurence de Ayete*, and *Mariana* his Wife, and to the Heirs of their Bodies; which *Laurence* having also about the same Time made a Feoffment <sup>b</sup> of this Manor and Advowson to *Richard Damory*, Lord of *Bucknell Co. Oxon.*, and *Thornborough*, obtained a Surrender of the same, and resumed his Grant made to *Damory*.

To *Laurence Ayete* succeeded *Alan* his Son and Heir, as mentioned in *Foxcote*, who leaving Issue only a Daughter and Heir, named *Margery*, (not *Mariana*, as in *Dugdale*.) she brought both Manors, viz. *Foxcote* and *Shalston*, to her Husband's Family, viz. the *Purefoys*, the present Lords of *Shalston*, Anno 1735, who have possessed this Manor above 330 Years, for twelve Generations, as may be seen by the following Account here exhibited <sup>i</sup>; For which, and many other Informations in this History, I stand indebted to the present Lord hereof, *Henry Purefoy*, Esq. who has very kindly imparted to me what his Writings furnished of his ancient Family; who have also for several Centuries been Gentlemen of eminent Note in the Counties of *Leicester* and *Warwick*, as may be seen in *Burton's* and *Dugdale's Histories* of these two Counties, to which I shall refer; and confine my Account here to the Time when they settled in these Parts, which was about the Year 1410, by Marriage of *William Purefoy* of *Sbirford Co. Warwick*, with *Margery*, Daughter and Heir of the aforesaid *Alan Ayete*, by whom he had Issue *Philip Purefoy*, who dying Anno 1468, and having joyntured in this Manor *Isabel* his Wife, Daughter of *John Brome*, of *Badfley Clinton Co. Warwick*, she brought it in Marriage, Anno 1472, to her second Husband, *John Denton* of *Blackthorne Co. Oxon.*, (tho' I find it also Anno 1477, in the Hands of *Richard Fowler*, as aforementioned in *Foxcote*.) However *John Denton* dying seized thereof, Anno 1497, and she surviving him about 40 Years, continued in Possession of it, 'till about the Year 1538, or 1540, when on her Death it reverted to *Nicholas Purefoy*, Son to *John Purefoy*, her first Husband *Philip Purefoy's* younger Brother, who resided here and left a numerous Issue, marrying no less than three Wives, and dying Feb, 18, 1547, was buried here, and succeeded by *Edward* his eldest Son, by his first Wife, viz. *Alice*, Daughter of *John Denton*, of *Basilfleigh Co. Berks.* This *Edward* died June 21, 1558, and was buried at *Shalston*, and succeeded by *William Purefoy* his eldest Son, by *Anne* Daughter of *Richard Fettyplace*: his Successor was *William* his Son, who died July 15, 1595, and by *Cecily* his Wife, Daughter of *John Goodwin* of *Upper Win-*

<sup>s</sup> Pedes Finium Co. Bucks.

<sup>b</sup> Ex Originali penes Henricum Purefoy, Arm.

<sup>i</sup> Ex Genealogia et Informatione Magistri Purefoy.

*cbenden*, left Issue *Edward* his Son, who married *Joyce*, Daughter to his Kinsman *George Purefoy*, of *Fenny Drayton Co. Leiceſter*, and dying *Anno* 1594, was ſucceeded by *George Purefoy* his Son, who married *Mary*, youngſt Daughter and Co-heir of *Sir Valentine Knightley* of *Falweſley* or *Fawſley Co. Northampton*, who dying *Anno* 1617, he married *Jane*, Widow of *Sir Thomas Glover*, as ſeems to me; who being joynured here, reſided at *Shalſton* and kept Hoſpitality, as is by Tradition ſtill remembred. He died about 1622, and was ſucceeded by *George Purefoy* his Son, who removed to *Wadley* in *Faringdon* Pariſh *Co. Berks*: However he often retired from thence hither, and exerciſed great Hoſpitality and Charity at both his Seats, and dying 1659, left a numerous Iſſue, viz. five Sons, and ſeven Daughters, by his firſt Wife, who all lived to Mens and Womens Eſtates, whereof the eldeſt, *George Purefoy*, lived at *Wadley*, and dyed there *Anno* 1670, and was buried at *Faringdon*, as his Father was alſo; and by *Katherine* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of *Sir Henry Willoughby* (Widow of *Sir James Bellingham*,) left Iſſue *Henry Purefoy* his Son, made a Baronet *Anno* 1662; who dying *Anno* 1686, unmarried, and having his Eſtate (which lay in *Norfolk*, *Yorkſhire*, *Cheſhire*, *Leiceſtershire*, and *Berkſhire*,) in his Power, of upwards of 4000*l. per Annum*, by Will gave it profuſely away to his Mother's Relations, from his own Family and Name, and in him the eldeſt Branch becoming extinct, and his eldeſt Uncle *Henry Purefoy* being diſinherited, (as I learn) and going into *Ireland*, and dying there; this Eſtate at *Shalſton* came to his ſecond Uncle, viz. *Knightley Purefoy*, (third Son of *George Purefoy* the ſecond, and younger Brother to his Father *George Purefoy*,) who reſided at *Shalſton*, and died and was buried there *Anno* 1691, leaving Iſſue by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of Captain *Henry Sandford*, of *Bobbin-Court* in *Kent*, two Daughters, viz. *Anne*, who died unmarried, and *Mary*, Wife to *Anthony Sambach*, of *Snowſhill Co. Glouceſter*, and an only Son, viz. *Henry Purefoy*, Eſq; who died *Anno* 1704, and was buried here; and by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of *Leonard Fiſh*, Citizen of *London*, left Iſſue an only Son ſurviving him, viz. *Henry Purefoy* aforementioned, the preſent Lord of this Pariſh, *Anno* 1735, who is as yet unmarried.

In the old Deeds of this Family I find that *Anno* 1415. 2 *Hen. V.* this Manor of *Shalſton* was veſted in Truſtees to their uſe during *Alan Ayete's* Life, they to pay him an Annuity of twenty Marks a Year by quarterly Payments, the Remainder to go to *William Purefoy* and his Wife; the ſaid *Alan's* Daughter and their Heirs.

*Anno* 1541 I find a Conveyance of Lands here and at *Weſtbury*, from *John Denton*, to *Edward Purefoy*, Son to *Nicholas Purefoy*, his Grandſon by *Nicholas's* firſt Wife. And about three Years after, *Anno* 1544, the ſaid *Nicholas Purefoy* conveyed Lands here to *Martin Purefoy*, his youngſt Son.

*Anno* 1571 this Pariſh is ſaid to have been incloſed. The Advowſon hath been an Appendant to the Manor from the beginning.

The



The Parish of *Shalston*, which is bounded West by *Westbury*, North by *Bittleston*, East by *Stow*, and South by *Water-Stratford Co. Bucks*, and *Finemere Co. Oxon*, contains 1274 Acres. The Number of Families is 22, and of Souls 118, as was returned *Anno 1712*. It was then assessed to the Land Tax 80*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*

The Rectory was valued *Anno 1291*, at eleven Marks, or at six Marks, as by another Valuation, with a Portion of two Marks deducted to the Abbey of *Oseney*. *Anno 1534*, it was valued as it now pays First-Fruits at 8*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* and is returned to the Bishop to be worth 80*l.* *per Annum*.

The Church, which is dedicated to *St. Edward the Confessor*, King of *England*, whose Festival is *Oct. 13*, (the *Sunday* after which is a Wake observed here,) is a mean Structure, consisting of a Nave or Body, which is Leaded; and North Ile which was formerly Leaded, but is now Tyled, as is the Chancel; at the West End, supported by the Walls of the Church, is a wooden Turret, Leaded at Top, in which hang two small Bells.

In the Chancel East Window, are the Arms of the *Ayet's viz. Party per Pale Or and Gules, in Fess a Crescent*.

And also the Arms of *Westminster Abbey*, Lords of *Turweston*, *viz. Azure, a Cross Flory, between five Martlets, Or*.

And also the Arms of *Christ Church Priory in London*, *viz. Azure three Plates in Triangle conjoined to one another in the Center*; charged with these symbolical Words, whereof *NON EST* is placed in the Center: \*

PATER NON EST FILIVS; FILIVS NON EST SPIRITVS SANCTVS; SPIRITVS SANCTVS NON EST PATER: DEVS EST PATER; DEVS EST FILIVS; DEVS EST SPIRITVS SANCTVS.

In the North Ile is an antient Arch turned over an Old Gravestone: But no Inscription or Arms, or any Tradition to whom it belonged; but I presume it was for *Laurence Ayet*, who probably built this Church, *Temp. Edw. II, or III*.

In the said North Ile is a small White Marble Compartment with the Arms of *Puresfoy*, *viz. Azure 3 Stirrups Or, impaling Fish, viz. Azure a Fess surmounted of a Bend charged with 5 Mulletts*; and on the Compartment this Inscription:

“ To the Memory of *Henry Puresfoy*, Esq; who departed this Life July  
 “ 28, the Year of our Lord 1704, and of his Age 40, and lies interred  
 “ beneath this Place.  
 “ *Elizabeth* his sorrowful Relict hath caused this Monument to be erected.”

Which is all the Inscriptions here *Anno 1735*, except the following one in the Chancel, on an antique grey Marble, whereon is the Effigies of a Woman, and this Epitaph engraven, on a Plate of Brass, in old Characters:

“ Here lieth buried Dame Susan Kyngeston, Widow, the Eldest Daughter of  
 “ Richard Fettyplace of East Childry in the County of Berks, Esq;  
 “ Decedde, and late the Wyfe of John Kyngeston of Childrey in the said  
 County

"County of Berks, Esq; also Deceased. The which Dame Susan  
 "died the ~~XXIII~~ Day of Sep. in the Year of our Lord ~~MCCCC~~XL.  
 "On whose Soul and all Christian Souls Ihesu have Mercy.

N. B. Her Husband died Anno 1514, and was buried at *Childrey*, after which this *Susan* professing a single Life, retired and died here at her Nephew's.

Terrier Nov. 1, 1639, *Ralph Purefoy*, Rector.

The Parsonage, built Part Stone Part Timber and Thatcht, hath a Hall, Parlour, two Butteries, five Chambers boarded, Kitchen and Dairy, and little Room adjoining; a Barn of seven small Bays, a Stable, Cow House, Hog-stye, a Garden and two Orchards, and a Close adjoining of an Acre; four Plotts of Meadow in lieu of the Tythe of the *Fallow Mead* of the Lord's Land, two in *Dry Field*, a third in the nether Corn Field, the fourth not to be found; sixteen Ridges of Arable Land, forty Lands, two head Lands, nine Butts, four Yards, and some short Butts called *Parson Hill*, and five Leas of Furz and Commons in the Woods of *Shalston*, *Westbury*, and *Bittlesden* without Stint.

#### Rectors of *Shalston* <sup>a</sup>.

*Robert* occurs in the Register of *Luffield*, about 1195, in the Time of *Stephen*, Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, who decided a Controversy between this *Robert* and the Convent of *Luffield*, about *Eversaw* Chapel.

*George de Ulecote* was presented Anno 1230, by *William Bainell*.

*Nicholas Preckit*, was instituted Anno 1245, in the Minority of *William Baine* the Patron.

*Roger Heriz* occurs Rector (in *Luffield* Register) Anno 1260.

*Walter de Agmondesham* was made Rector Anno 1268, but not said by whom presented.

*Robert de Dunton* was Rector Anno 1332.

*John de Tewin* of *Hatfield* was instituted June 3, 1335, on the Presentation of *Laurence de Ayete*, Lord of *Shalston*.

*David Phelip* was admitted 18 Nov. 1377, on the Death of *John de Tewin*, on the Presentation of *Alan Ayet*, Lord of *Shalston*.

*John Bucktot*, Priest, was instituted, Mar. 6, 1418, on the Death of *David* last Rector, on the Presentation of *Alan Ayet*, Lord of *Shalston*. He was a great Benefactor to *Lincoln College Oxford*, to which also his Successor became a Benefactor, viz.

*Walter Bate*, A. M. who became instituted Mar. 9, 1450, on the Resignation of *Bucktot*, on the Presentation of *William Purefoy*.

*Thomas Webb* succeeded on *Bates's* Resignation, Feb. 9, 1456, on *William Purefoy's* Presentation. He resigned next Year, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Paunton*, instituted Sep. 16, 1457, on *William Purefoy's* Presentation.

<sup>a</sup> From the Registers of *Lincoln*.

*Richard Waterton* was instituted *Jan. 19, 1459*, on *Paunton's* Resignation, on *William Purefoy's* Presentation.

*Thomas ap Howell*, was instituted *June 25, 1475*, on *Waterton's* Death, on the Presentation of *John Denton* and *Isabel* his Wife, late Wife to *Philip Purefoy*.

*John Browne* was instituted on *Howell's* Resignation, *Anno 1479*, on *John Denton's* Presentation.

*John Overton*, was instituted *Nov. 12, 1503*, on *Browne's* Death, on the Presentation of *Isabel Denton*.

*George Fyll*, was instituted *Jan. 25, 1523*, on the Death of *Overton*, on the Presentation of *Isabel Denton*, Relict of *Philip Purefoy*.

*N. B.* This Dame *Isabel Denton* gave to a Priest here eight Marks yearly, for 20 Years, as I find in an Entry made of it, without any Date, to pray for her and her Husband's Soul.

*William Lunde*, was instituted *Feb. 1, 1536*, on the Resignation of *George Fyll*, on *Nicholas Purefoy*, Esq; Presentation.

*Richard Legb* was instituted *Feb. 14, 1542*, on the Presentation of *Henry Lee*, *Thomas May*, and *John Coke*, by Grant of *Nicholas Purefoy*, Esq. He willed, *Jan. 18, 1557*, to be buried in the Chancel here.

*Walter Pinfold*, A. M. was instituted *Aug. 4, 1557*, on *Legb's* Death, on *Edward Purefoy's* Presentation. He quitted it, having got *Whaddon* and *Little Horwood* Vicaridges.

*John Sankey*, succeeded *Anno 1560*, and occurs Rector *Anno 1561*. He died *1580*, and was succeeded by

*John Bursley*, instituted *Dec. 13, 1580*, on *Sankey's* Death, on the Presentation of *Edward Purefoy*. He was buried here, as appears by the Register, *Feb. 14, 1629*.

*Ralph Purefoy* succeeded, and was instituted *Mar. 3, 1629*, on the Presentation of *George Purefoy*.

*William Hignell*, A. M. was presented on *Ralph Purefoy's* Resignation, and instituted *July 5, 1641*, on *George Purefoy's* Presentation. I suppose he quitted it, for

*Robert Harris* occurs Rector here, and subscribed as such, *Anno 1646*. He died *May 13, 1657*, and was succeeded by

*Henry Hoy*, *1658*. He died *Anno 1673*, and was succeeded by

*Job Purefoy*, A. M. instituted *April 8, 1673*, on the Presentation of *Knighly Purefoy*, Esq. He was buried here *Feb. 5, 1686*, and succeeded by

*Thomas Dancer*, A. B. (Son of Mr. *George Dancer*, the then Mayor of *Buckingham*) instituted *May 2, 1687*, on the Presentation of *Knighly Purefoy*, Esq. He died and was buried at *Buckingham*, and succeeded by

*Richard Townsend*, A. B. instituted *Sept. 12, 1705*, at the Presentation of *Elizabeth Purefoy*, Widow, who is the present Rector, *1735*.

The Register here is very antient, and one of the most remarkable I have seen. 'Tis thus entitled, in the respective Entries of Marriages, Births, and Burials at the beginning of the Entries in it.

### MARRIAGES.

*Solemnizatum est Matrimonium inter Magistrum Tho. Thorne et Mariam Purefoy, 28 Oct. 1540.*

Martin Purefoy et Elizabetha Williams *juncti erant Matrimonio* June 26, 1567.

Mr. George Grey of Kingston Malreward in the Parish of Stinsford in the County of Dorset, and Lucy Daughter of George Purefoy, Esq; July 28, 1657.

Thomas Harrington of Boothby Pannel, in the County of Lincoln, and Eleanor, Daughter of George Purefoy, Esq; Nov. 19, 1658.

Edward Fleetwood of Perwortham, in Co. Lancaster, Esq; and Mrs. Anne Purefoy, Daughter of George Purefoy, Esq; 23 May 1659.

### BIRTHS, or BAPTISMS.

*Nativitas Nicholai filii Magistri Simonis Purefoy, 4 Junii 1540.*

N. B. This Simon was younger Brother to Nicholas Purefoy, as appears to me.

*Nativitas Tho. Purefoy filii Simonis Purefoy, Oct. 19, 1542.*

*Nativitas Martini Purefoy filii Simonis Purefoy, 24 Octobris, 1545.*

*Nativitas Elibazethæ filie Simonis Purefoy, 1548, 3 Die Martii.*

Willoughby, Son of George Purefoy, the younger, Esq; and the Lady Katherine Bellingham his Wife, Daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, born Aug. 4. baptized Aug. 12, 1659.

Mary, Daughter of Knightley Purefoy, and Mary his Wife, Oct. 14, 1674.

### BURIALS.

*Obitus Domine Susannæ Kingston, 23 die Septembris, 1540, et sepulta est in Ecclesia Sancti Edwardi de Shalston.*

*Obitus Magistri Nicholai Purefoy, Armigeri, 18 Feb. 1547.*

*Obitus Katherinæ, nuper Uxoris Nicholai Purefoy, 6 Maii, et sepulta est eodem die 1556.*

Edwardus Purefoy, Armiger, 6 Junii, 1558.

Magistra Anna Purefoy, Vidua, Aug. 5, 1568.

Magister Simon Purefoy, Maii 6, 1570.

William Glover, Son of Sir Thomas Glover, of Hayes Park, Co. Middlesex, January 10, 1640.

Mrs. Mary Purefoy, Wife of Knightley Purefoy, Esq; Oct. 17, 1686.

Mrs. Anne Purefoy, March 30, 1690.

Knightley Purefoy, Esq; Jan. 13, 1691.

Mrs. Mary Sambach, Wife of Mr. Anthony Sambach, Jan. 22, 1701.

Mr. Henry Purefoy, July 28, 1704.

## STEEPLE CLAYTON, or CLEYDON,

**R**ECEIVES its Appellation from its Soil, viz. *Clayey Town, Hill, or Down*, and its Distinction from the other *Claydons* or *Claytons*, by having a Steeple or Tower; it was given by *William the Conqueror* to his Niece *Judith*, whom he made Countess of *Huntingdon*. But she forfeiting the King's Favour, he took away from her this Manor<sup>a</sup>, which was surveyed on compiling of *Doomsday Book* as the King's. It was then the most populous Town in the whole Division, of what is since *Edw. II's* Time known by the Name of *Buckingham Hundred*; before which this was, as seems to me, the Capital of one of the three Hundreds, viz. *Lamua Hundred*, which Hundred Court, (as I take it) was held where there is now the *Vestigia* of an Incampment, on the South East Side of the Town, not far from the Church. Here were, on compiling *Doomsday Book*, no less than fifty Copyholders, or *Villani*. But I come to exhibit the Survey itself.

In *Lamua Hundred*.

*Alricus Coquus tenet de Rege Claindone. Pro xx Hidis se defendebat. Terra est iv Carucatarum. In Dominio v Hide, et ibi sunt v Carucate, et 1 Villani, et iii Bordarii habentes xix Carucatas. Ibi vii Servi. Pratum iv Carucatarum. Silva c Porcorum. In totis Valenciis valet et valuit xvi Libras; quando recepit xi Libras. Et tantundem tempore Regis Edwardi.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Eddiva Regina.*

*Alric* the Cook holds of the King *Claydon*. It was taxed at twenty Hides. The Arable is four Carucates. Five Hides are in Demesne, and there are five Carucates, and fifty Copyholders, and three Cottagers having nineteen Ploughs. There are seven Servants, and Meadow for four Carucates. Mast for an hundred Hogs. In the whole it is and was worth 16 *l.* when he received 11 *l.* and so much in King *Edward's* Days.

*Editb*, King *Edward's* Queen, held this Manor.

In King *Hen. I's* Reign this Manor being in the Crown, that King gave it to his Concubine *Editb Forn*, as I find in the Register of *Osney Abbey*, Folio 96. now belonging to *Christ Church, Oxford*, in which is this Account:

- “<sup>b</sup> Memorandum, Quod *Henricus* Rex primus, Filius *Wilbelmi Bastardi*,  
 “ dedit *Editbam* (Filiam) *Forn* Amasiam suam, *Roberto de Olleyo* sibi  
 “ in Uxorem, et cum ea totam *Claydonam* in liberum Maritagium: Ad  
 “ instantiam hujus *Editbe* dictus *Robertus* Vir ejus, Ecclesiam de *Osney*  
 “ fundavit et Canonicos Regulares in ea instituit; et Ecclesiam de *Clay-*

<sup>a</sup> *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. I. pag. 58.

<sup>b</sup> *Ex. Archivis Aedis Christi Oxon.*

“ *dona*

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“ *dona et quamplurimas alias Ecclesias [viz. Stow, &c.] Eisdem contulit.*

“ *Post mortem verò ejusdem Roberti præfata <sup>c</sup> Editha de libero Marita-*

“ *gio suo quamplurimas terras in Claydon et alibi dedit dictis Canonicis.*”

How this Manor came to the *Fitz Johns* I have not seen; but in *Hen. III's* Reign it was Part of their Demesnes, and so came *Anno 4 Edw. I., Anno 1276,* on the Death of *John Fitz John*, to his Son *Richard Fitz John*; who *Anno 9 Edw. I., Anno 1281,* had a Dispute with <sup>d</sup> *William Abbat of Osene* about Suit of Court in this Manor of *Claydon* for Lands and Tenements held of *Richard Fitz John*, but it was amicably decided.

In the said Register of *Osene* I find that *Edith*, Wife to *Robert Doyley*, their great Benefactress <sup>e</sup> had given to the Abbey of *Osene* two Hides in *Claydon*, which her Son *Henry de Oily* confirmed to them, with the Profits of his Watermill at *Claydon*. As to this *Richard Fitz John* he died possessed of this Manor *Anno 1297, 25 Edw. I.*, <sup>f</sup> whereupon it was assigned to *Robert de Clifford* and *Idonea* his Neice; but upon a new Partition of Lands made very soon after, this Manor of *Claydon* became the Property of *Richard de Burgh*, Earl of *Ulster*, and so came in Marriage, together with the whole Earldom of *Ulster*, with a Daughter or Grand-daughter of *Richard de Burgh*, to *Lionel Duke of Clarence*; second Son of King *Edw. III.* who leaving Issue only a Daughter, viz. *Philippa*, wedded to *Edmund Mortimer*, Earl of *March* <sup>g</sup>, this Manor descended to her Grandson *Richard Duke of York*, Father to King *Edw. IV.* and *Richard III.*; and became the Patrimony of the Blood Royal <sup>h</sup>, and was assigned in Dower to *Cecily Duchess of York*. As it had been held after *Lionel Duke of Clarence's* Death, *Temp. Rich. II., &c.* by the *Mortimers*; and after the Death of the said *Cecily*, which happened *Anno 1491, Temp. Hen. VII.* <sup>i</sup>, that King granted this Manor to *Elizabeth* his Queen, Grand-daughter to the said *Duchess of York*, *Anno 1491*: And it also became afterwards *Anno 1508*, in the last Year of *Hen. VII's* Reign <sup>k</sup>, Part of the Dower of his Son's first Wife, viz. *Catharine*, Princess of *Wales*; under whom it was rented on Payment of 22 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* on a Demise made of it to *John Giffard*; as it was also on another Demise rented by *Ralph Giffard* at 100 *l.* per Annum: But the *Giffards* Interest being purchased by the *Cbaloners*, or otherwise reverting to the Crown, was by Letters Patent of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, dated 16 Oct. *Anno 1557*, for the Sum of 2100 *l.* granted in Fee with a Release of the said Rent of 100 *l.* to Sir *Thomas Cbaloner*, his Heirs and Assigns, for ever, in which Family of the *Cbaloners* it continued *Anno 1616*; we are told that in that Year there was digged up in this Parish, in Sir *Thomas Cbaloner's* Woods <sup>l</sup>, near the great Pond there, an Earthen Pot, full of the Coins of *Alextus* and *Carausius*, Roman Emperors.

But this Family of *Cbaloner* being attainted *Anno 1660*, King *Charles II.* granted this Manor to *Richard Lane* Esq. <sup>1</sup> whose Interest and Right being purchased by a younger Family of the *Cbaloners*, they again repossessed and

<sup>c</sup> Parochial Antiq. p. 50.      <sup>d</sup> MSS. *Dodsworth* in *Bibl. Bodl.*      <sup>e</sup> Ex Archivis *Ædis Christi Oxon.*      <sup>f</sup> *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. I. pag. 707, 807.      <sup>g</sup> *Ibid.* Vol. II. p. 168.

<sup>h</sup> Rot. Pat. Ric. III.      <sup>i</sup> Pat. 6 Hen. VII.      <sup>k</sup> Pat. 23 Hen. VII.      <sup>l</sup> Parochial Antiq. pag. 10.

<sup>m</sup> Pat. 12 Charles II. pat. 16.

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held it 'till the Year 1705, when it was sold on June 30, by Mr. *William Chaloners*, to Sir *John Verney* of *Middle Claydon*<sup>m</sup>, Bart. and now belongs, *Anno* 1735, to his Son and Heir the Right Honourable *Ralph Verney* Lord Viscount *Fermanagh*, whose illustrious Ancestors have, for upwards of 500 Years, been possessed of great Estates in these Parts; and remained seated at the adjacent Parish of *Middle Claydon* aforesaid, a Mile distant, no less than eleven Generations in a Lineal Descent; the Manor of which they purchased in *Henry* the VIth's Reign; and built there in *Henry* the VIIth's Time a spacious Mansion House; which hath at various Times been enlarged and improved to such a Degree, that it may now be deemed one of the most magnificent old Seats in the County.

As to the Advowson, it being given, as before mentioned, to *Osney* Abbey, *Anno* 1112, 12 *Hen.* I, it was early appropriated to that Convent, and they continued Patrons till the Dissolution, *Anno* 1541, 32 *Hen.* VIII, when it was made Part of the Endowment of <sup>a</sup> *Hen.* VIIIth's new erected See of *Oxford*; in which the Rectory and Advowson of the Vicaridge continued 'till the Alienation thereof by Queen *Elizabeth*; who by Letters Patent, *Anno* 1590, in the <sup>o</sup> 32<sup>d</sup> Year of her Reign, granted this Rectory and Advowson of the Vicaridge to *Thomas Crompton*, *Robert Wright*, and *Gelly Merricke*, who sold it to the *Chaloners*, Lords of the Town, and so it hath been appendant to the Manor ever since, and is now in the Patronage of the above mentioned the Right Honourable the Lord *Fermanagh*, by Purchase from the *Chaloners*.

In the Year 1656, here was a School House built in this Town by Sir *Thomas Chaloners*. Over the Door of which are these Letters: *Hanc Scholam Fundavit T. C. Anno* 1656; but the Endowment, which was, as I learn, 12 *l.* *per Annum*, being sunk and alienated, it is almost come to nothing, and little Care is taken of having any Scholars. Here was a Clock put up, which still remains.

This Parish is of large Extent, and contains about 2600 Acres. It is bounded by *Middle Claydon* East; by *Padbury* and *Addington* North; by *Twysford* South; and by *Hilliersden* West. The Number of Families, as returned *Anno* 1712, were about 90, and of Souls about 350, and it was then assessed to the Land Tax 179*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

The Manor House, which was a roomy Building of Studd and Plaister'd Walls, stood near the Church; but it has been pulled down and built anew with Brick, and made a Farmer's or Tenant's House about the Year 1720.

The Rectory, *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, was valued at 15 Marks by one Valuation; and at 14 by another. *Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII, the Vicaridge was charged for First-Fruits, at 13*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* and is given in of the clear yearly Value of 75*l.*

<sup>m</sup> Ex Evidentiis.

<sup>a</sup> Pat. 34 *Hen.* VIII. pat. 6.

<sup>o</sup> Pat. 32 *Eliz.* pat. 8.

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The Terrier returned *Anno* 1607, 5 *Jac.* I, by *Adrian Bayley* the then Vicar, exhibits that the Glebe consists of a Yard Land, having a Close of one Acre, and a Rood; nine Acres of Meadow, and twenty six Acres of Arable, and a Home Stall: And that the Vicaridge House contained two Bays Thatcht, a Barn of two Bays, and a Lean to, a Cow House and Hay Barn.

The Church, which is dedicated to St. *Michael* (as several Churches situate on Eminences are,) has only a Leaded Body, and Tyled Chancel; and an Embattled Tower at the West End; in which are four modern Bells; to which a Treble has been added of late to make them five.

Here are no Monuments or Painted Glas remaining whatsoever, or any thing worth noting, nor so much as any one Inscription in the whole Church.

The Vicars Names, as they occur in the Registers of *Lincoln*, are as follows:

*Roger* is the first I meet with. He resigned *Anno* 1260, 44 *Hen.* III, and was succeeded by

*Simon*, *Anno* 1260, 44 *Hen.* III. After whom

*Alan* occurs *Anno* 1289, 17 *Edw.* I. On whose Resignation

*Robert Tilton* became instituted 4 *Nov.* *Anno* 1291. He died *Anno* 1319, and was succeeded by

*Richard de Wallys*, instituted 6 *Id.* *Nov.* *Anno* 1319.

*Hugh Curteys* succeeded; being instituted 4 *Cal.* *Nov.* 1342, on the Resignation of *Richard de Wallys*.

*John Attelee* succeeded 12 *Cal.* *Aug.* *Anno* 1344, 18 *Edw.* III. He died *Anno* 1349, and was succeeded by

*Henry de Waryn* of *Bucks*, instituted 9 *Cal.* *Oct.* *Anno* 1349. He exchanged it for *Sulgrave Co. Northampton*, with

*Hugh Payn* 3 *Nov.* *Anno* 1357. He exchanged it for *Batcombe Co. Dorset*, with

*Reginald Aldbary*, *Id.* *Feb.* *Anno* 1360. The next I meet with is

*Walter Haddon*. He exchanged it for *Bourton* Vicaridge, with

*William Elkin*, who became instituted *July* 6, *Anno* 1405, 6 *Hen.* IV. After him I find

*William Gorecote*. He exchanged it, *Anno* 1424, for *Winslow* Vicaridge, with

*Peter Braunce*, *Mar.* 23, *Anno* 1424, 2 *Hen.* VI. The next that occurs is *Robert Saterley*, on whose Resignation *Anno* 1468,

*John Malet* became instituted 3 *Oct.* *Anno* 1468, 8 *Edw.* IV. He resigned it *Anno* 1471, and was succeeded by

*John Carter*, instituted *April* 18, 1471. After whom

*John Stapleford* occurs Vicar *Anno* 1521. He died *Anno* 1536, and was succeeded by

*Oliver*



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*Oliver Olinton*, instituted 23 Aug. Anno 1536, 27 Hen. VIII, on the Death of *John Stapleford*. He is the last Vicar that was presented by the Abbey of *Osney*, by which Convent's Title all his Predecessors had been presented, or by their Lessee Tenants. He died Anno 1545, and appointed in his Will to be buried in the Chancel here. His Successor was

*Henry Maydeman*, instituted 8 March, Anno 1545, 36 Hen. VIII, on the Presentation of *Robert King*, the first Bishop of *Oxford*. He died Anno 1549, and was succeeded by

*Anthony Carr*, A. M. instituted 2 Nov. Anno 1549, 3 Edw. VI, on the Presentation of the Bishop of *Oxford*. His Successor was

*Henry Elstonsted*, instituted Jan. 23, Anno 1556, on the Presentation of the Bishop of *Oxford*, on the Death of the last Vicar, not named, tho' no doubt it was *Anthony Carr*. His Successor was

*Thomas Barker*, instituted July 7, Anno 1559, 1 Eliz. on the Collation of the Bishop of *Lincoln*, on a Lapse on the Death of the last Vicar not named.

*Richard Morebouse* succeeded Anno 1565. But I have not his Institution.

*Theodore Wheton*, succeeded Anno 1569, 11 Eliz. on the Death of *Morebouse*. On whose voiding it

*Richard Parre* was instituted, April 10, Anno 1575, on the Presentation of *Edmund Broket*. On his Death one *John White* set up a Title to the Patronage, but his Claim was set aside. He, viz. *Richard Parre*, begun the Register. He was buried here, July 20, Anno 1597, and succeeded by

*Adrian Bayley*, A. B. who was presented by *William* and *Henry Fleetwood*, Esqs; Nov. 25, 1597. He was buried here 15 May, Anno 1627, and succeeded by

*John Aris*, collated by the Bishop of *Lincoln*, on a Lapse, Anno 1627. He died 29 Aug. Anno 1657, and was buried at *Middle Claydon*, where he was Rector, and succeeded by

*Edmund Fleetwood*, Anno 1657. He continued Vicar 58 Years, and dying Anno 1715, in *Lancashire*, among his Relations, where he had lived several Years, was succeeded by

*William White*, A. B. Vicar of *Padbury*, who quitted that Living for this, to which he became presented by the Right Honourable Sir *John Verney*, Lord Viscount *Fermanagh*, Anno 1715. He died and was buried in the Chancel, Oct. 13, Anno 1733, and succeeded by

*George Fraser*, the present Vicar, Anno 1735.

The Register begins Anno 1575, 17 Eliz. and has these Entries which I noted.

### MARRIAGES.

*Walter Bridges* and *Theodosia Langston*, Anno 1594.

*William White*, S. T. P. and *Alice Richardson*, Anno 1613.

### BIRTHS, or BAPTISMS.

*William*, Son of *William White*, S. T. P. Anno 1616.

*William*

*William, Son of Mr. Charles Chaloner, Anno 1644.*

*William, Son of Mr. William Chaloner, Anno 1676.*

## B U R I A L S.

*Thomas and Elizabeth, Children of Sir Thomas Chaloner, Knight, Anno 1592.*

*Michael Throckmorton, 1604.*

*Lady Etbelreda Chaloner, 25 Dec. Anno 1605.*

*Mr. Charles Chaloner, Anno 1617.*

*William Chatburn, LL. B. Anno 1625.*

*William Chaloner, LL. B. Anno 1628.*

## S T O W,

**S**O called from the Saxon Word *Stow*, which signifies a Place, as *Godstowe*, *Brightstow*, &c. as indeed this may, by way of Eminence, be properly so entitled; for the Situation of it is not to be exceeded; it having all the Ornaments of Nature, to which have been added those of Art, to render the Mansion Seat and Gardens of its Lord one of the Wonders of the Kingdom: As has been elegantly set forth in two incomparable Poems; one on the Description of the said Gardens by *Gilbert West*, Esq; late Student of *Christ Church, Oxford*, printed Anno 1732; and the other on the Subject of *Taste*, by the celebrated Mr. *Pope*; who hath inscribed it to the Right Honourable the Lord *Cobham*, who has thus exquisitely adorned it, insomuch as nothing seems wanting to render its Beauty compleat, in all Respects, except the re-edifying the tall Spire Steeple of *Bucks*, heretofore one of its principal Views; which would redound to the singular Honour of this County, and remain a standing Monument of Affection to the Mother Town, and beyond all other Illustrations dignify the antient Family Motto,

TEMPLA QUAM DILECTA.

But I come to speak of the Parish in general, which consists of three Vills, viz. *Stow*, *Langport*, and *Dodford*, and shall begin with *Stow*, which is thus described in *Doomsday Book*:

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis, in Stodfield Hundred.*

*Robertus Olgi et Rogerius Iveri tenent de Episcopo Stou. Pro v Hidis se defendebant. Terra est v Carucatarum; in Dominio est una, et adbuc ii possunt fieri. Ibi iii Bordarii, habentes dimidium Carucata, et una et dimi-*

*Robert Oilgi or Doyly and Roger Ivery hold Stow of the Bishop of Baieux. It is rated at five Hides. The Arable is four Carucates; one is in Demesne, and two more may be made out. There are three Cottagers holding*

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*dium possunt fieri. Pratum vi Carucat-  
tarum. Silva c.l. Porcorum. Valet  
40s. Tempore Regis Edwardi 60 s.*

holding half a Carucate; and one half more may be made. There is Meadow sufficient for six Carucates. Mast for an hundred Hogs. It is worth 40 s. and it was valued at 60 s. in King Edward's Time.

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Turgifus,  
Homo Baldwini, et vendere potuit.*

*Turgifus, Tenant to Baldwin, held  
this Manor, and could sell it.*

On this Odo, Bishop of Baieux, being dispossessed of his Lands Anno 1088, this Manor of Stow was obtained by the said Robert Doyly and Roger de Ivery his Feodary Tenants; who seem for the most Part to have divided this Parish between them; Ivery taking Dodford, and Doyly, Stow; who having, Anno 1075, founded a Collegiate Church to the Honour of St. George within his Castle at Oxford, endowed it with his Demesnes here; which, on the Translation of his Foundation to Ofeney, Anno 1129, 29 Hen. I, he gave and confirmed to the Canons there (as may be seen in the *Monasticon*, Vol. II. p. 138.) viz. *Ecclesiam de Stowa, cum totâ Villâ et Capellâ de Morton, et duabus Hidis de Feodo Sancti Georgii, in eadem Villâ, cum Boscis et aliis rebus et Libertatibus ad Ecclesiam Sancti Georgii pertinentibus.*

By this Donation the Convent of Ofeney, being possessed of this Manor and Advowson, they got the Rectory very early appropriated to them, and a Vicar ordained, as I judge, about the Year 1180, 26 Hen. II, in whose Reign, as I presume, it was, that Moreton Chapel was dissevered from it, and made, as it now continues, a distinct Rectory, and Parish. But besides what Robert Doyly gave these Canons in this Parish, I find that Anno 10 Hen. III, 1227<sup>a</sup>, Ralph de Langport, John Fitz Maurice, and Ralph Hareng, levied a Fine of Lands here to Richard Abbat of Ofeney; and Anno 1242, 25 Hen. III, Richard de Gordino of Dodford granted Lands in Dodford and Stow to John Leche, Abbat of Ofeney.

Also Anno 52 Hen. III, 1268, a Fine was levied between Richard de Apeltre<sup>b</sup>, Abbat of Ofeney, and Andrew Moriz, of Lands in Stow and Langport; on Execution of which the Abbat and Convent covenanted, that they would allow the said Andrew Moriz, whom they had received into their Monastery, yearly for his Life, "two Marks of Silver, and allot him a convenient Apartment in their Abbey, *et singulis diebus Corrodia duorum Canoniorum*, and find him a Servant and Groom, and two Loaves, called *Mayne* *Micbia*, *unam Bissam*, *unam Salem*, two Flaggons of their best Ale, and "one of the second Sort, and a third of the last Degree; and from their Kitchen, the Mefs of two Canons; and also provide for his Servant and Groom what was necessary from the Abbat's Hall; and find him yearly "six Load of Wood, six Quarter of Coals, two Load of Straw, four Load of Hay, Soap, and Cheefes."

<sup>a</sup> Ex Ligulis, Finium Co. Bucks.

<sup>b</sup> Ex Registro de Ofeney in Archivis Ædis Christi Oxon. In

In the Register of *Oseney*, I find it mentioned, that on these Considerations the said *Andrew Moriz* granted the Convent his Capital Mansion Court, Gardens, and Woods, and two Yard Land in *Langport* and *Stow*: And also that he devoted his Body to be buried in *Oseney* Convent, which was, no doubt, performed; for in an Account<sup>c</sup> of the Tombs at *Oseney* after the Dissolution of that Abbey, I find Mention made of the Monument of this *Andrew Moriz*, and that near him lay buried *Stephen de Templar*, who gave to *Oseney* a Mill at *Fullwell*.

In an Account I have seen of Tenures<sup>d</sup>, it is returned, that the Abbat of *Oseney* held *Stow* in *Eleemosynam*, or *Frank Almoign*.

This Monastery therefore being thus endowed, continued Lords here, and Patrons of the Church 'till the general Dissolution, when their Abbey, being changed into a Cathedral, by King *Hen. VIII*, the new Bishop thereof was endowed with this Manor, valued *Anno 1534* at 15*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* and with Lands at *Langport* valued at 3*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* and at *Dodford* at 1*l.* 8*s.* making in the Whole 21*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* But thro' the changeable Humour of that Prince, this Foundation of *Oseney* being dissolved, and removed into his College of *Cbrist Church*, his Son *Edward VI*, by Letters Patent dated *Sept. 2, Anno 1547*, gave thereunto all these Estates at *Stow*, which accordingly appertained to this second established Bishoprick, 'till such time as Queen *Elizabeth*, taking into her Hands the Estates of the See of *Oxford*, in the Vacancy of the Bishoprick, by Letters Patent, dated 27 *Jan. Anno 1590*, in the 32d Year of her Reign, granted to *Thomas Crompton*, *Robert Wright*, and *Gelly Merrick*, the Manor, Rectory, and Advowson of *Stow* in Perpetuity, to them and their Heirs: Who very soon after, by Deeds of Lease and Release, dated . . . conveyed the Inheritance and Fee Simple of the Premisses to *John Temple* Esq. of the very ancient Family of the *Temples*, of *Temple Hall* Co. *Leicester*, descended from the old Earls of *Leicester*, as may be seen in the Account of them in the fourth Volume of the *Peerage of England*, published by Mr. *Arthur Collins*, with two Supplemental Volumes: To which, and other Pedigrees of this Family, I shall refer, and only observe here, that this Family had been, as seems to me, resident in this County in *Hen. VIth's* Time; and were, as I find, Lessee Tenants to *Oseney* Abbey before the Dissolution; for *Peter Temple*, who occurs possess'd of Lands in these Parts *Anno 1554*, died here 28 *May, Anno 1577*, long before the Purchase of this Manor, and was buried at *Burton Dercet*, (which Estate he purchased *Anno 1560*) as *Dugdale* tells us, in his History of *Warwickshire*, and was succeeded by *John Temple* his Son, who served the Honourable Office of High Sheriff of this County *Anno 1596*; and dying *Anno 1603* was buried here *May 11*, leaving Issue by *Susan* his Wife, Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Thomas Spencer*, of *Everton* in the County of *Northampton*, Sir *Thomas Temple* his Eldest Son and Heir, created a Baronet 25 *Nov. Anno 1612*, on the first Institution of that Order. He was, *Anno 1616*, High Sheriff of this County, and *Anno 1620*, High Sheriff of that of *Warwick*, and dying about the Year 1625, was, as I judge, buried at *Burton Dercet*, Co. *Warwick*. His Wife was that

<sup>c</sup> Ex MSS. *A. Wood*.

<sup>d</sup> Testa de Nevill.

famous Lady Dame *Hester Temple*, Daughter of *Miles Sandys* of *Latimers* Co. *Bucks* Esq. who, as *Fuller* tells us, lived to see above Seven hundred of her own Descendants, of which there were no less than nine Daughters all married to Gentlemen of good Fortunes and Families: She was born at *Latimers* 1569, and dyed 1656. Her second Son was Sir *Thomas Temple*, seated at *Stanton-Barry*, who died *Anno* 1632, and was succeeded by Sir *Peter Temple*, Father to *William Temple* of *Luffield*, who died *Anno* 1706, and left Issue *William Temple* of *North Crawley* Esq. and *Peter Temple*, who are next in Remainder of the Title of Baronet; and a Daughter named *Anne*, Wife to *Hugh Casfull*, Alderman of *Buckingham*. The eldest Son of Sir *Thomas Temple* and this Lady *Hester Temple*, was Sir *Peter Temple*, who married to his first Wife *Anne*, Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Arthur Throckmorton*, who died and was buried here 23 *Jan.* *Anno* 1619, by whom he had an only surviving Daughter, viz. *Anne*, Wife to *Thomas Roper* Lord Viscount *Baltinglass*: His second Wife was *Christian*, Daughter and Coheir of Sir *John Leveson*, who died and was buried here at *Stow*, *April* 3, *Anno* 1655, two Years after her Husband Sir *Peter Temple*, who was, *Anno* 1635, High Sheriff of this County, and Member of Parliament for the County Town of *Bucks*, from 1639 to the Time of his Death, which happened *Sept.* 12, *Anno* 1653, when he was buried at *Stow*, where about two Years before his Death he had enclosed a Park on the disparking of *Wicken Park* Co. *Northampton* by the Lord *Spencer*, the Deer of which he bought: His, viz. Sir *Peter Temple*'s Successor, was Sir *Richard Temple* his only Son and Heir, created, *Anno* 1660, Knight of the Bath; he rebuilt the Manor House or Fine Seat of the Family at *Stow*, and endowed the Vicaridge with an Annual Rent-charge of 50*l.* *per Annum*, as may be seen in Bishop *Kennet's History of Improvements*, p. 430. He was elected Member of Parliament in all the Parliaments holden in the Reigns of King *Charles II*, *James II*, and *William III*, 'till the Time of his Death, for the ancient and loyal Town of *Bucks*, of which he had the Honour to be chosen High Steward, and so was continued by the Mayor and Aldermen in the Charter obtained in King *Charles II*'s Reign. He died and was buried at *Stow*, *May* 15, 1697, and succeeded by his Son and Heir, Sir *Richard Temple*, who, by Letters Patent, dated 19 *Oct.* 1714, *Anno* 1 *George I*, was created a Peer of this Realm by the Title of Baron *Cobham*, of *Cobham* in *Kent*; and *April* 7 *Anno* 1718, made Viscount of the same Place. He also served for the County Town of *Buckingham* in all King *William's* Parliaments, after his Father's Death; and in the first and second Parliaments of Queen *Anne*, was returned Member for the County of *Buckingham*; and in the two succeeding Parliaments, viz. *Anno* 7 and 9 of that Queen, was again elected Burgefs for the Town of *Bucks*. His Lordship married *Anne* Daughter and Heir of *Edmund Halfey* of *Southwark*, Esq. but having no Issue by her, his Titles and Estate were limited by him to descend to his second Sister, *Hester*, Wife of *Richard Grenville*, of *Wotton*, Esq. and to the Heirs Male of her Body; his three younger Brothers, viz. *Purbeck Temple*, *Henry Temple*, and *Arthur Temple*, all dying unmarried.

\* Vid. *Collins's Baronage*, vol. iv.

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His Lordship has greatly improved his Seat, and made the most elegant Gardens in the Kingdom for Beauty and Extent, tho' they are still divested of what was esteemed by his Father the most valuable Prospect, viz. the View of the Steeple of *Buckingham*. They contain above 200 Acres, and and are still enlarging.

Going into the Army in his younger Years, he was, *Anno 1703*, in the first Year of Queen *Anne*, made a Colonel; and *Anno 1706* declared a Brigadier General; and *Anno 1708* a Major General; and *Anno 1727* Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the County of *Buckingham*; which Office his Lordship enjoys *Anno 1735*, being also High Steward of the County Town of *Bucks*. His Lordship's Mother, *Mary*, Daughter of *Henry Knapp*, of *Oxfordshire*, surviving 'till the Year 1726, had the Felicity to see her Children most honourably settled in the World, viz. her eldest Daughter *Mary*, being first married to *Richard West*, Archdeacon of *Berks*, and Prebendary of *Winchester*, and after to Sir *John Langham* Bart. *Christian* her third Daughter being married to the present Sir *Thomas Lyttelton*, one of the Lords of the Admiralty (whose second Son is the worthy *Charles Lyttelton* of the *Inner Temple*, Esq. a Gentleman that has done true Honour to his Country, in studying the Antiquities thereof, in which he is excellently skilled;) *Hester*, her second Daughter was Wife to *Richard Grenville* Esq. as aforesaid; and *Penelope*, her fourth and youngest Daughter, to *Moses Berenger*, Citizen of *London*.

Having thus gone thro' the Account of *Stow*, I proceed to the other Vill, viz. *Langport* and *Dodford*, Members thereof; the first of these, viz. *Langport*, which takes it Name from the *Long* or *Far Gate*, viz. *Longa Porta*, is thus described in *Doomsday Book*.

*Terra Walteri Giffard.*

*In Lanport tenet Bernerus de Walterio iii Hidas et Dimidium pro uno Manerio. Terra est iv Carucatarum. In Dominio est una, et alia potest fieri. Ibi ii Villani, cum ii Bordariis, habentibus ii Carucas. Ibi ii Servi. Pratum ii Carucatarum. Silva Porcorum. Valet et valet semper 40 s.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Suen Suert, Homo Eduuini Comitiss, et vendere potuit.*

*Bernerus holds of Walter Giffard in Langport iii Hides and an half for one Manor. The Arable is four Carucates. One is in Demesne, and another can be made. There are two Villans or Copyholders, with two Cottagers: They have two Carucates. There are two Servants. Meadow for two Carucates. Mast for fifty Hogs. It is worth, and always was worth, 40s.*

*Suen Suert, Tenant of Earl Edwin, held this Manor, and could sell it.*

*Terra Maignon Brito, in Stodfield Hundred.*

*In Landport tenet Girardus de Maignone ii Hidas et Dimidium. Terra est iii Caracatarum. In Dominio*

*Girard holds of Maignon Britain two Hides and an half in Landport. The Arable is three Carucates; one is*

*Now Doctor Lyttelton  
Dean of Exeter.  
Then  
Bishop of Carlisle*

*est una, et unus Villanus cum iii Bor-  
dariis habentibus i Carucatam, et alia  
potest fieri. Ibi unus Servus. Silva xl.  
Porcorum. Inter totum valet 30 s.  
Quando recepit 16 s. Tempore Regis  
Edwardi 30 s.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Rauen, Homo  
Uluui Episcopi, et vendere potuit.*

in Demesne and one Copyholder with  
three Cottagers having one Carucate,  
and another can be made. There is one  
Servant or Bondman; Meadow for one  
Carucate; Mast for forty Hogs. In the  
whole it is worth 30 s. when he re-  
ceived 16 s. In King Edward's Time  
30 s.

*Rauen* Tenant to *Wulvi* Bishop of  
*Dorchester* held this Manor and could  
sell it.

That this first Manor of *Langport*, belonging to *Walter Giffard*, became involved in *Stow*, and passed after his Death, *Anno* 1164, for the most Part by Donation of several Benefactors to the Abbey of *Osney*, I make no doubt; and also that *Maignon Briton's* Manor here was, with his Manor of *Tbornborough*, given by his Grandson *Hamon* to the Priory of *Luffield*, seems no less apparent. What was therefore thus given to *Osney* at *Langport* being already intimated in the Account of *Stow*; I shall from *Luffield* Register in Folio's 118, 119. exhibit the Donors of Lands here at *Langport* to that Convent; and these were *Robert de Langport*, who granted to *Luffield* his Lands in *Villa de Langport et extra*; which was confirmed by *Jordan* his Son for eight Marks; whose Son *Ralph de Langport* also confirmed to the Monks of *Luffield* five Yard Land at *Langport* in *perpetuam Eleemosynam*. This was done about the Year 1202, as appears by its being witnessed by *Simon* Abbat of *Tame*, and *Adam* Abbat of *Bittleiden*.

*Simon* Son to *Jeffry Martel* gave also half a Yard Land at *Langport* to these Monks; which half Yard Land was demised, about the Year 1291, by the Convent of *Luffield* to *William de Boicote*, at the annual Rent of 3 s. 4 d. as was the five Yard Lands of the Donation of their Ancestors, viz. *Robert* and *Jordan de Langport* leased *Anno* 1350, 23 *Edw.* III, to *Richard* Son of *Richard de Langport*, on the Payment of an annual Rent of 6 s. 8 d. the Payment of which I find was continued to be made to *Luffield* by *Richard de Langport*, *Anno* 1399, 1 *Hen.* IV, one of the last of this Family; whose Demesnes here came soon after, viz. *Anno* 1416, to the Family of the *Dayrels*, by Marriage of *Eleanor*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Thomas Langport*, to *John Dayrell*<sup>1</sup>, a younger Son of the House of *Lillingston Dayrell*; which Family having obtained thereby the *Langports* Estate here, have continued in Possession thereof ever since, and resided here at *Langport*, from about the Year 1574, when *Francis* the second Son of *Paul Dayrell* removed hither from *Lillingston*, and dying *Anno* 1609, was buried here at *Stow*, and succeeded by *Edmund* his eldest Son and Heir, who died 1633, and was buried at *Stow*; and succeeded by *Abel* his Son and Heir, Father to *Edmund Dayrell*, who died 1696, and was buried at *Stow*; and succeeded by *Edmund Dayrell* his Eldest Son and Heir; who is now, *Anno* 1735, as has been shewn in *Lilling-*

<sup>1</sup> Ex Genealogia.

*son*, seated at *Langport*, where, and at other Places, he has a good Estate. His House here is situate near the Manor House of the *Temple* Family.

But I come now to treat of the other Vill belonging to *Stow*, viz. *Dodford*, which is described in *Doomsday Book* as follows:

*Terra Rogeri Iveri.*

*In Dodford tenet Haimundus de Rogerio ii Hidas pro uno Manerio. Terra est iv Carucatarum. Ibi est una, et tertia adhuc potest fieri. Ibi iv Bordarii et i Servus. Silva cc Porcorum. In totis Valenciis valet 20 s. et valuit tempore Regis Edwardi 30 s.*

*Haimund* holds of *Roger Iveri* two Hides in *Dodford* for one Manor. The Arable is four Carucates. There is one, and three others can be made. There are four Cottagers and one Servant. Mast for two hundred Hogs. In the whole it is worth 20 s. and was worth 30 s. in King *Edward's* Time.

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Leuvinus, Homo Burgeredi, et vendere potuit.*

*Levin Burgered's* Tenant, held this Manor, and could sell it.

This Place, as I conceive, takes its Name from a Brook on which it stands, and from a Saxon Owner or Possessor named *Dodda*, or *Budda*, whose Name I meet with on a Saxon Coin; tho' it is also a common Name in *England*, viz. *Dod*.

As *Stow* and *Langport* became for the most Part the Property of religious Houses or Monasteries, so did these Possessions of *Ivery* here pass in like Manner into the same Hands; their Lands at *Dodford* being granted to the Convent of *Bittlefsden*. For I find that *Anno* 1205, *Thomas de St. Wallery* confirmed to the Abbey of *Bittlefsden* all his Lands in *Dodford* for the Salvation of his Soul, *Edela* his Wife, and *Avery* his Mother's Soul, *Annora* his Daughter's, and *Reginald* and *Bernard* his Brothers Souls.

And it is also returned in a Book of Tenures I have seen, *Quod Abbas de Bitlefsden, tenet Mediatatem Villæ de Dodford in perpetuam Eleemosynam.*

I also find that *William de Brewse* confirmed what was given at *Dodford* to *Bittlefsden*.

What appertained to *Bittlefsden* Abbey, and also the Demesnes belonging to the Convent of *Luffield* at *Langport*, coming by Marriage, as before mentioned, to the *Temple* Family from the *Tbrockmortons* and others; and the Lands belonging to *Bittlefsden* Abbey in *Dodford* having been granted, *Anno* 34 *Eliz.* to *William Typper* and *John Davy* or *Daw* (both of which were noted acquirers of Monastical Estates) these have all of them passed to the *Temple* Family, inasmuch that they are entire Owners of all the Estates in this Parish, as I am informed, except what is in the Possession of the *Dayrells* at *Langport*, as aforementioned.

In this Parish of *Stow* was born, *Anno* 1518, *Thomas Bickley*, Bi hop of *Chechester*, of whom see an Account in *A. Wood's Athenæ Oxon*, Vol. I. p.



176, 717. in the second Edition, printed Anno 1721. He was Fellow of *Magdalen College*, and Warden of *Merton*, to which last College having bequeathed 100 *l.* the Interest thereof is yearly given to one of the Fellows, to preach a Sermon on *May 1*, before the University, in *Merton College Chapel*.

Here is in this Parish a decayed Hamlet, called *Boicot*, reputed to be in *Oxfordshire*; tho' dissevered from it; Part of it is included in the spacious 'Gardens of the Lord *Cobham*. This, as seems to me, having been Parcel of the Possessions of *Luffield Priory*, is reckoned together with *Luffield* extraparochial. Here was, as I have been informed, a Chapel of *St. John Baptist* at *Boicote*, which I find mention of in the Register of *Luffield*. And in their Rental *Temp. Edw. I*; I find *Boicote* included. In the Vill of *Langport* is a Ground antiently known by the Name of *Stock*, or *Stofield*, which gave Name to one of the three antient Hundreds of this Division, now known by the Name of *Buckingham Hundred*.

The Parish of *Stow* is of considerable Extent, and contains about 2500 Acres. It is bounded West by *Bittlefden*, *Sbalston*, and *Westbury*; South by *Water Stratford* and *Radcliff*; East by *Moreton* and *Akeley*; North by *Lilington-Dayrell*, and *Silveston*, which last Parish is in Co. *Northampton*.

The Number of Houses is 32, and of Souls 180, as returned 1712 to the Bishop of *Lincoln*. It was then assessed to the Land Tax 223 *l.* 19 *s.* 7 *d.* The Rectory was, Anno 1291, 19 *Edward I*, returned at fifteen Marks, and the Vicaridge at no more than three Marks. The Vicaridge was, Anno 1534, charged for first Fruits at 11 *l.* 14 *s.* 7 *d.* It is returned to be now worth (with *Sir Richard Temple's* Endowment of a Rent Charge of 50 *l.*) 80 *l.* per Annum.

In a Terrier given in *Oct. 12*, Anno 1607, *John Marsh* the then Vicar exhibited this Account, viz. that besides the Vicaridge House and an Acre and a Rood, no other Land belonged to it.

The Church here (which is dedicated to the Honour of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Sunday after which Festival, viz. *August 15*, there is a Feast kept in the Parish) is an uniform Structure, capable of being made one of the greatest Ornaments of the Place. It consists of a Body and two side Iles, which have Battlements on them, and a North Chancel, or Chapel, all which are Leaded, and Chancel which is Tyled. At the West End is an handsome embattled Tower with four Pinnacles; in it is a Clock, and five very tuneable Bells, cast out of four about the Year 1661, as I am informed: Over the West Door at entring was a Crucifix, but it is defaced. And in a Niche or Arch still remaining between the Church and Chancel hung the Sacring or Saints Bell. It seems to have been built about King *Henry the VIth's* Time.

I meet with several Persons directing their Interrments here; as *George Son of Thomas Sanders*, which *Thomas Sanders*, Anno 1493, left a Legacy to buy a new Bell here: His Widow remarried *Thomas Langston*, who probably became Lessee Tenant to the Abbey of *Oseney*, as did the *Temples* also, as I judge,

judge, *Tempore Hen. VII.* This *Thomas Langston* was Anno 1521; mentioned in the Will of *Richard Halley*, Vicar of *Stow*, who directed the Image of the Holy Trinity, with the Picture of a Priest, to be set up in this Church, and a Brass with his Name under it. This Image was, as I presume, placed in a Niche in the Porch, which still remains, and the Porch being built by him, he was buried there. He also gave two Cloths to the high Altar, and Legacies to the Trinity, St. Sepulchres, St. John Baptist, and the Rood Lights. Also Anno 1525, *Richard Peyrson*, willed to be buried in the Middle Ile or Nave of the Church of our Lady at *Stow*, where the said *George Saunders* had also directed his Interment.

In the Nave or Body of the Church, against the North Wall, was painted over the Middle Pillar, St. George, slaying the Dragon, which was renewed Anno 1692, by *Gerrard Godfrey*, Painter of *Stony-Stratford*, when the Church was beautified and new painted, the last Time it seems to have had any thing done to it of Ornaments.

In the Middle of the Chancel is, on an ancient Gravestone, the Portraiture of a Woman in Brass, with a Label issuing out of her Mouth, on which these Words, *Jesu Perry, Grace*: At her Feet this on a Brass Plate:

*Hic jacet Anna Sanders, quae obiit primo die Sept. A. D. MCCCCLXXXIII.  
Cujus ate propicietur Deus, Amen.*

Near the Chancel Door on a Black Marble Gravestone this:

*"Willi. Temple Armiger, obiit vicesimo die Augusti, Anno Millefimo  
"Septingentesimo Sexto, Anno Aetatis ejus Sexagesimo."*

Under the South Window lies ~~an~~ an antient Grey Marble in Memory of *Thomas Langston* and his Wife, who was, as I conceive, Widow of *Thomas Sanders*. The Inscription is defaced in Part, so that there is no Date of their Deaths: But I suppose it was about the Year 1530. What remains of the Epitaph is as follows, round the Verge in Brass:

*Orate pro animabus Thome . . . . . Consortis sue, qui quidem  
Thomas obiit A. D. MCCCC.*

In the Middle was the Effigies of him and his Wife, but they are torn off, tho' at their Feet there yet remains a Brass Plate with these Verses on it:

*Hic testis Christus quod non jacet hic Lapis iste  
Corpus ut ornetur, sed Spiritus ut memoretur.  
Quisquis eris qui transferis, Sta, Perlege, Mota,  
Sum quod eris, fueramque quod es, pro me precor Ora.*

At the Dexter Corner remain the Arms of the Defunct, viz.  
*Langston*, being a Chevron between 3 Roses, in Base a Dolphin Hauriant,  
Impaling on a Chevron 3 Mullets.

In the South Window the Arms of *Osney Abbey*, viz. Or, 2 Bends  
*Aure.*

Near the Communion Rails the Effigies of a Youth in a Gown, and this Inscription affixt on an ordinary Stone:

"Here lyeth the Body of *Peter Temple*, the second Son of *Thomas Temple*, Esq; and *Hester* his Wife. The Day of his Birth was the 31st Day of *October*, A. D. 1592, and he died the first Day of *January* in the same Year."

In the North Chancel lyes on an Altar Monument, the Effigies of a Woman in full Proportion, her Head reclining on a Pillar of Alabaster, at her Feet a Dog underneath, an Infant Child, and these Arms of *Peniston*.

1 *Argent*, charged with 3 Birds. Heads *Sable*, Beak and Legg'd, *Gules*.

2 *Gules*, a Fess inter 6 Billets, Or.

3 *Gules* a Lion rampant *Argent*.

4 Quarterly, Or and *Gules*, a Bend of the second in Fess point the Arms of *Ulster*, viz. a Bloody Hand.

At the Head of the Monument these Arms.

1 *Peniston*, as before.

2 *Gules*, a Fess inter 6 Billets, as before.

3 *Argent*, 2 Bars *Gules*.

4 Cheque, Or and Az. a Chevron *Ermine*.

5 *Gules*, a Lion rampant *Argent*, on his Shoulder a Crescent.

6 *Peniston*, as before, impaling Quarterly these Arms of *Temple*, viz.

1 *Argent*, on 2 Bars *Sable*, 6 Martlets Or.

2 Quarterly *Azure* and *Gules* a Frette Or. Over all, on a Chevron *Sable* 3 Escallops *Argent*.

3 *Gules*, 3 Stirrups Or.

4 ————— A Cross charged with 5 Martlets.

5 *Argent*, a Chevron inter 3 Cinquoils *Gules*.

6 As 1. viz. *Temple*, with the Arms of *Ulster*; viz. The Baronets Device or Cognizance.

On the South Side this inscribed on a White Marble Tablet:

"Sir *Thomas Peniston*, Bart. in Testimony of the true Affection of the virtuous Lady his Wife *Martha Lady Peniston*, erected this Monument to her Memory."

"Daughter unto Sir *Thomas Temple*, Knight and Baronet. She dyed the 14 January 1619, at the Age of 25. One Child she had lying in this Church also interred."

On a second Tablet, on the North Side this:

"Shut in this Sepulchre lies

"The Athes of Fair *Peniston*, who loved

"By the most Worthy of her Time removed

"To Heaven so to draw up her Lovers Eyes

To

“ To the Divine Beauty of that Deity wherein  
“ She may love all that love her and not Sin.

On a Black Marble enchaſed with White on the Pavement, at Top in a  
Lozenge 3 Doves. Underneath this :

*Primitias Deo confecramus.*

Under the Portrait of a Woman this Inſcription :

“ In Parvulæ cujus Filiæ Memoriam mœſtiſſima Mater hoc Monumentum  
“ poſuiſſe inſtituit.”

Round the Verge alſo this Inſcription :

“ Hic jacet Sepulta *Hefter Peniſton*, Filia primogentia *Thomæ Peniſton*, Ba-  
“ ronetti et *Marthæ* Uxoris, quartæ filiæ *Thomæ Temple*, Militis et  
“ Baronetti, quæ nata fuit 2 die *Junii*, *An. Dom.* 1612, et obiit circa  
“ 18 *Auguſti* ſequentis.”

Againſt the Eaſt Wall is an Atchievement of the Arms of *Peniſton*, with  
all the Coats of the Family, in Number about 40. But ſeveral are obliterated  
and defaced with Age.

Here are alſo two Atchievements of the *Temple* Family, with the Arms as  
before deſcribed, one of them is of the laſt Bart. who died *Anno* 1697,  
Impaling *Knapp*, viz. his Lady's Arms; and the other of Dame  
*Chriſtian Temple* in a Lozenge, which has theſe Coats. She died *Anno* 1655.

1 *Temple*, Or, an Eagle diſplayed Sable.

2 *Temple*, Argent on 2 Bars Sable, 6 Martlets Or.

3 *Lovett*, Argent 3 Wolves curreant Sable.

4 *Gifford*, Gules 3 Lions paſſant Argent.

5 *Spencer*.

6 *Ermine*, within a Bordure entoire de Beſſants Impaling *Lewefon*.

1 Argent, 3 Laurel Leaves, Or.

2 Argent inter 2 Chevronells 3 Moors Heads Sable.

3 Gules, on a Chevron Argent a Lion rampant Sable Crowned Or.

4 *Lewefon* as before

In the fourth Volume of the *Peerage* before mentioned is the Epitaph of  
*Peter Temple*, Eſq; which is there mentioned to be in this Church, but here  
is no Sign of it remaining; and ſo as *Dugdale* places it in his *Antiquities of*  
*Warwickſhire* in *Burton Dercet* Church, I make no doubt but he was interred  
there, as was his Son *John Temple*, who died *Anno* 1603, whoſe Epitaph as  
alſo printed in the *Peerage* and *Dugdale's Warwickſhire*.

In the Church Yard is ſtill remaining an antient Croſs, and an entire  
Effigies (of an Eccleſiaſtick ſeemingly) in Free Stone, but who it belonged  
to is unknown.

A Vicaridge was here established before the Year 1209, as I judge, for I cannot find any Entries of the Ordination of it in the Registers of *Lincoln*, it having been so very early appropriated. The Names of the Vicars are as follow.

Vicarii de Stow.

*John* occurs Vicar about Anno 1270, 54 Hen. III, as does  
*John Holiday* about Anno 1298, 26 Edw. I.  
*Walter de Evinlode* was instituted 3 Id. Dec. Anno 1313, 6 Edw. II, on the Resignation of *Holiday*, on *Osney* Convents Presentation.  
*Simon de Sautre* was presented Anno 1335, 9 Edw. III, by *Osney Abbey*.  
*Adam* last Vicar here died Anno 1349, and was succeeded by  
*William Wilby*, instituted 1 Aug. Anno 1349. He occurs Vicar Anno 1366, 34 Edw. III.  
*William Atleworth* was instituted 6 June, Anno 1392. He died about the Year 1416, and was succeeded by  
*John Wells*, who died Vicar Anno 1419, and was succeeded by  
*Thomas Newman*, instituted 5 April, Anno 1419. He resigned Anno 1425.  
*Nicholas Pardon* quitted it for *Wobuerton*, and was succeeded by  
*John Wotton* admitted Jan. 8 Anno 1438, 16 Hen. VI.  
*William Beaufort* resigned Anno 1452, and was succeeded by  
*John Magot*, instituted 28 Oct. Anno 1452, 30 Hen. VI. He resigned, and was succeeded by  
*William Bernard*, instituted 21 Mar. Anno 1453, 31 Hen. VI.  
*John Evenlode* succeeded, and dying Anno 1458, 36 Hen. VI, was succeeded by  
*William Potman* LL.B. instituted Mar. 8, Anno 1458. He resigned it next Year.  
*John Wallbede* succeeded 27 Feb. Anno 1459, 37 Hen. VI.  
*William Crosley* died Vicar Anno 1469, 9 Edw. IV, and was succeeded by  
*John Plonte*, admitted 1 March Anno 1469, on *Crosley's* Death.  
*Roger Davy* died Vicar Anno 1494, and was succeeded by  
*Richard Halley*, admitted 15 July, Anno 1494, 9 Hen. VII. In his Will, as before mentioned, dated Anno 1520, 11 Hen. VIII, he appointed to be buried here.  
*Thomas Marshell* succeeded, 3 Oct. Anno 1524, on *Halley's* Death. He occurs Vicar Anno 1541, 32 Hen. VIII, and is the last presented by *Osney* Monastery. One of both his Names died 1559, Rector of *Turweston*, who might perhaps be the same Person.  
*Frances Syche* was instituted 27 April, Anno 1559, on *John Burton* Abbat, of *Osney*, having granted away the next Presentation. He willed Anno 1561, to be buried in the Church here.

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*Thomas Whitebed* succeeded *Anno 1561*. He was buried here *29 July, Anno 1582*, and succeeded by

*Robert Newton, Anno 1582*. He was buried here *Mar. 29, Anno 1602*, and succeeded by

*John Marshe, A. B.* presented *April 19, Anno 1603*, by *John Temple Esq.* He was buried here *Aug. 23, Anno 1632*, and succeeded by

*Richard Earle, Anno 1632*; but I have not his Institution. He was buried here *26 June, Anno 1635*, and succeeded by

*John Wyat*, presented by *Sir Peter Temple, Dec. 18, Anno 1635*. He occurs Vicar *Anno 1642*.

*Richard Whitelock* was presented by the Crown *6 April, Anno 1661*, on a Lapse, no Doubt; *Wyat* having voided it before *1660*.

*Benjamin Austin, A. M.* was presented *15 May, Anno 1663*, by *Sir Richard Temple*. He died *Anno 1670*, being also Rector of *Braden Co. Northampton*, and was succeeded by

*Maurice Holden A. M.* presented *10 May, Anno 1670*, by *Sir Richard Temple*. He occurs Vicar *Anno 1672*, and was succeeded the same Year by

*Thomas Heydon, A. M.* instituted *16 May, Anno 1672*, on *Sir Richard Temple's* Presentation.

*Peter Temple, A. M.* was instituted on the Death of the last Incumbent not named, *6 Jan. Anno 1691*, on *Sir Richard Temple's* Presentation. He resigned *Anno 1697*, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Harrison, A. M.* instituted *4 April, Anno 1697*. He died beyond Sea, being Chaplain in the Army, and was succeeded by

*Henry Smith, A. M.* instituted *22 Feb. Anno 1705*, on *Harrison's* Death, on the Presentation of *Sir Richard Temple*. He resigned *Anno 1710*, and was succeeded by

*Conway Rand, A. B.* instituted *16 Feb. Anno 1710*, on the Presentation of *Sir Richard Temple*. He died *March 10, 1733-4*, and was buried here, and succeeded by the present Vicar *Anno 1735, viz.*

*Henry Gabell, A. M.* instituted *Aug. 17, 1734*, on the Presentation of *Sir Richard Temple Lord Viscount Cobham*.

The Register begins *Anno 1568*, out of which I took these Entries:

### MARRIAGES.

*Thomas Neale* and *Anne*, Daughter of *Mr. Francis Dayrell, Anno 1577*.

*Edward Sanders* and *Millicent*, Daughter of *John Temple Esq. Anno 1583*.

*Paul Risley* and *Dorothy Temple, Anno 1590*.

*John Rous Esq.* and *Hester Temple*.

*William Denton* and *Susan Nicholls, May 12, 1610*.

### CHRISTENINGS.

*Dorothy*, Daughter of *John Temple, Esq. Sept. 28, Anno 1572*.

*Susan*, Daughter of *Edmund Dayrell*, Gent. Anno 1578.  
*Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Denton*, Esq. Nov. 17, 1594.  
*John*, Son of *Thomas Denton*, Esq. April 9, 1598.  
*William*, Son of *Thomas Denton*, Esq. Nov. 18, 1601.  
*Bridget*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Denton*, Knt. Feb. 20, 1607.  
*Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Denton*, Knt. May 6, 1610.  
*Nicholas*, Son of *William Denton*, January 30, 1610.  
*Ann*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Denton*, June 30, 1611.

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*Peter Temple*, Esq. 28 May, Anno 1577. His Monument is at *Burton Dercet*, Co. *Warwick*.  
*Millecent*, Wife of *Peter Temple*, Esq. 6 Dec. Anno 1582.  
*William Denton*, Nov. 9, 1601.  
*John Temple*, Esq. 11 May, Anno 1603. His Monument is also at *Burton Dercet*, and so I suppose by these Entries, they died here.  
*Francis Dayrell*, Gent. 22 Oct. Anno 1609.  
*Susan Denton*, and her Son *Nicholas Denton*, Feb. 11, 1610.  
*Dame Martha Peniston*, January 16, 1619.  
*Dame Anne Temple*, Wife of Sir *Peter Temple*, January 23, 1619.  
*N. B.* She is the first Person buried in the Family Vault.  
*Edmund Dayrell*, of *Lamport*, Esq; 1 June, Anno 1633.  
*Sir Peter Temple*, Bart. Anno 1653.  
*Dame Christian Temple*, 3 April, Anno 1655.  
*Penelope*, Daughter of Sir *John Temple*, 11 March, Anno 1669.  
*Paul Dayrell*, of *Lekhamsted*, 19 Dec. Anno 1678.  
*Mary*, Daughter of Sir *Richard Temple*, Bart. 9 Aug. 1681.  
*Sarah*, Wife of *Edmund Dayrell*, of *Langport*, Gent. Anno 1685.  
*Edmund Dayrell*, Esq; of *Wotton*, 28 Jan. Anno 1687.  
*Sir Richard Temple*, Knight of the Bath and Baronet, 15 May, Anno 1697.  
*Purbeck Temple*, Esq; 5 March, Anno 1698.  
*Arthur Temple*, Esq; 4 Feb. 1701.  
*William Temple*, of *Lillingstone*, Esq; 13 Aug. Anno 1706.  
*Penelope*, Daughter of Sir *Richard Temple*, Anno 1725.  
*Mary*, Relict of Sir *Richard Temple*, Knight of the Bath and Baronet, Jan. 25, Anno 1726.

## THORNBOROUGH,

**T**HAT is the Borough of Thorns, or Town in a thorny Soil. It is thus surveyed in *Doomsday Book*.

*Terra Mannon Brito, in Lamua Hundred.*

*In Thorneberge tenet Bernerus de Maignon xiv Hidas et i Virgatam pro uno Manerio. Terra est iv Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iii, et xxiv Villani cum viii Bordarii, habentibus viii Carucatas. Ibi iii Servi, et i Molinum de xxs. Pratum iv Carucatarum. In totis Valeuciis valet viii l. Quando recepit vi l. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii l.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Thori, Teignus Regis Edwardi.*

*Berner holds of Maignon fourteen Hides and one Yard Land in Thorneberge, for one Manor. The Arable is four Carucates, three are in Demefne; and there are twenty-four Villans or Copyholders and eight Cottagers. They have eight Carucates. There are three Servants and one Mill of twenty Shillings Value; Meadow sufficient for four Carucates. In the whole it is worth 8 l. when he received 6 l. in King Edward's Time 8 l.*

*Thori, a Knight or Thane of King Edwards held this Manor.*

To this *Mannon Brito* (whose capital Seat and Barony was at *Wolverton*) succeeded, as already spoken of in *Padbury*, *Mainfelin*, the Founder of *Bradwell* Priory in King *Stephen's* Time, who gave thereto divers Lands, and the Church of this Place<sup>a</sup>; but his Son *Hammon* having an especial Regard to *Luffield* Priory, procured from *Bradwell* a Release of their Claim thereto, and both Convents being thereby brought to a good Agreement on *Bradwell's* having relinquished this Church to *Luffield*<sup>b</sup>, *Hammon* Son of this *Hammon*, styled Baron of *Wolverington*, as in the Baronage, vol. i. p. 543. ratified his Father's Grant thereof, and of the Tenths of the Demefne of his Lordship here to *Luffield*; which Convent in those early Times, inter 1160, 6 *Hen. II.*, and 1280, 8 *Edw. I.*, obtained so much Land here, that I find it returned in an Inquisition taken at the Town of *Bucks*, Anno 1342, 15<sup>c</sup> *Edw. III.*, that they had no less than fourteen Yard Lands in Temporals as well as fourteen Yard Lands in Spirituals; which last were the Rectorial Lands or Endowment of the Church here: They had also nine Messuages: However their temporal Revenues arising from hence were but small; for Anno 1477, 17 *Edw. IV.*, about fifteen Years before their Dissolution and Union to *Westminster* Abbey, I find by a Rental then made, these were so diminished, that the Income of them amounted to no more than 6 l. 1 s. 5 d. <sup>d</sup>. And Anno 1460, I find they had lett their Parsonage or Rectory to Farm for nineteen Marks, or 12 l. 13 s. 4 d. <sup>d</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> *Monasticon*, vol. i. p. 523. E. Regist. *Luffield*.

<sup>b</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>c</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>d</sup> *Ibid.*



Here were also in this Parish several Lands given to the Endowment of *St. John Baptist's Hospital in Oxford*, founded about the Year 1210, which being, as I presume, as well as *Luffield*, reduced to Poverty, King *Hen. VI.*, about the Year 1456, gave the Master and Brethren Leave to convey their Hospital, with all the Estates belonging to it, to *William Wainfleet*, Bishop of *Winchester*; who on the Site of the said Hospital laid the Foundation of his magnificent College (and the Hall adjoining) known by the Name of *St. Mary Magdalen College and Hall*; which College continues at this Time, viz. *Anno 1735*, Proprietors of the Lands that this Hospital was endowed with here.

I likewise find in *Hen. III.*'s Reign, so much Land in this Parish given to *Bitlefden Abbey*, that *Anno 1534*, five Years before their Dissolution, their Endowment here amounted to 10l. 7s. 2d. per Annum. Nor was there much less given to Chantries, founded in *Tbornton* and *Buckingham Churches*; so that little remained here but what had been bestowed in *Mortmain*.

Who the chief Donors were, I shall briefly enumerate, by setting down the principal and greatest Benefactors: And shall begin with *Luffield*<sup>f</sup>.

*John* Son of *Alan*, Lord of *Wolverton*, confirmed to the Monks there, all the Lands and Tenements which they had acquired or should acquire in Fee here.

*Hamon* Son of *Hamon*, granted them three Yard Land.

*John* Son of *John*, Lord of *Wolverton*<sup>g</sup>, quit claimed, and released all Homages and Services.

*Reginald de Fraxino*, Son of *William de Fraxino*, granted them a Yard and an half Land and three Messuages, and nineteen Acres of Land, with other Gifts.

*Reginald* Son and Heir of *William de Moreton*, granted them a Yard Land.

*William Gruffet*; *William Franklin's* Wife and Daughters, and divers others<sup>h</sup>, granted them Messuages, Tenements, and small Parcels of Land, too long to enumerate; and *John Fitz-Allan*, Lord of *Wolverton*, released all Services for the Lands thus given to *Luffield*.

In *Edw. I.*'s Time there being a Controversy about a Chapel erected in this Parish, dedicated to *St. Laurence*, between the Monks of *Luffield* and *Bitlefden*, the Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, to whom it was referred to, decided it *Anno 1290*, in Favour of *Luffield*<sup>i</sup>.

The Benefactors of Lands here to *St. John's Hospital in Oxford*, were *John Hasteng*, who endowed it with three Yard Lands (as seems to me) by the Fines, *Anno 29 Hen. III.*; and *William de Moreton*, *Anno 27 Hen. III.*, gave Lands thereto; as did *Hamon Hasteng* Rents here, *32 Hen. III.*; and *Anno 28 Hen. III.*, *Robert Fitz-Allan*, gave this Hospital Lands here, and a Mill, which were confirmed in *Edw. the 1st's* Time, known antiently by the Name of *Stockport Mill*.

<sup>f</sup> Tanner's Notitia Monastic. fol. Edit. p. 441: <sup>g</sup> Ex Registro Luffield. <sup>h</sup> Ibid. <sup>i</sup> Ibid. <sup>j</sup> Ibid. Tanner's Notit. Monastic. p. 429. in folio.

The Donors of Lands here to *Bittleſden*, were *John de Haſteng*, who gave that Convent four Yard Lands, which was confirmed *Anno 1245* to them by his Brother *Robert de Haſteng*<sup>1</sup>.

*Anno 36 Hen. III*, *Hugh de Dunſter*, with the Conſent of *Alice* his Wife, gave two Carucates of Land here ; and *Baſilia*, Prioceſs of *Hariold*, yielded to *Bittleſden* a Tenement ; and *John de Fraxino's* Wife gave them one Yard Land ; and *Robert de Loughton* and *Chriſtian* his Wife granted Lands and Rents to *Bittleſden*, *Anno 32 Hen. III*.

*Anno 1472*, *13 Edw. IV*, *Richard Fowler* gave to *Thomas Blacklowe*, Chantry Prielt of *Thornton*, all his Lands, Rents, and Services, which he had in *Thornborough*, which were lately *John Barton*, Senior's.

The other Donors of Lands here (beſides the aforeſaid *Fowler*) to the two Chantries founded in *Thornton* and *Buckingham* Churches were the *Cbaſtillons* and *Bartons*, Lords of *Thornton*.

How theſe Eſtates have ſince paſſed, I now come to ſpeak, having already accounted for thoſe of the Hoſpital : I ſhall begin with *Luffield*.

After the final Diſſolution of Monaſteries by King *Hen. VIII*, King *Edw. VI*, his Son and Succeſſor, by Letters Patent, dated *Dec. 8*, *1551*, granted to Sir *Nicholas Throckmorton* the ſaid Priory of *Luffield*, with all its Appurtenances, in the Counties of *Northampton*, *Buckingham*, and elſewhere, and the Members thereof ; particularly the Manor of *Thornborough* and Rectory of *Thornborough*, and Advowſon of the Vicarage, to be holden of the Honour of *Graſton*, which Sir *Nicholas Throckmorton* dying, ſeized thereof, *Feb. 12*, *1570-1*, it deſcended to *Arthur Throckmorton*, his eldeſt Son and Heir, afterwards knighted ; who, as I find by an Inquiſition taken at his Death, died *July 21*, *1626*, leaving only four Daughters, Co-heireſſes, viz. *Mary*, Wife to Sir *Thomas Wotton* ; *Anne*, to Sir *Peter Temple* ; *Elizabeth*, to *Richard*, Lord *Dacres* ; and *Katherine* unmarried ; whereby this Manor and Advowſon came by Partition of his Eſtate to Sir *Peter Temple*, by his Wife the ſaid *Anne*, ſecond Daughter of Sir *Arthur Throckmorton*, and ſo paſſed again in Marriage with *Anne*, her only ſurviving Daughter and Heir, to *Thomas Roper*, Lord Viſcount *Baltinglaſs*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland* ; but ſhe dying without Iſſue by him, about the Year *1696*, this Eſtate, on another Partition of the *Throckmorton's* Lands, made *June 24*, *1701*, deſcended to her Nephew, *Thomas Lennard*, Lord *Dacres*, Earl of *Suffex*, who by Indenture of Bargain and Sale, dated *July 16*, *1707*, conveyed this Manor with the Impropriation and Advowſon of the Vicarage, to *Benjamin Woodnotb* the Father, and *Benjamin Woodnotb* the Son (late High Sheriff of this County) the preſent worthy Poſſeſſor, *Anno 1735*, in Fee, to the Uſes of the latter and his Heirs ; who hath made the Manſion-Houſe very commodious, and by his Skill in Agriculture, much improved the Lands of the Pariſh : And by his Hoſpitality and excellent Accompliſhments rendered himſelf greatly reſpected and eſteemed in the Neighbourhood.

In the Pleas at *Weſtmiſter*, in *Michaelmas* Term, *Anno 13 Ric. II*, it was found and returned by the Jury, that the Vills of *Lekbampſted* and

<sup>1</sup> Ex *Chatulario de Bittleſden*, in *Bibl. Bodl.* et ex *Inquiſitionibus* et aliis *Evidentiis*.

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*Forscote* ought to repair Part of *Totesbrig* in *Thornborough*; and that the Master of *St. John's* Hospital in *Oxford*, ought to repair the other Part for his Lands in *Thornborough*; tho' another Jury, *Anno 7 Ric. II.*, had returned that the said Master was not bound to repair it.

As to the Lands belonging to *Bitlefden*, these continued in the Crown under several Demises and Leases made of them; and were, *Anno 15 Car. II.*, 1663, granted to that King's Queen in Part of her Dower: They were then valued at 11*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* and, as I presume, being purchased by *Sir Richard Temple*, descended to the present Lord *Cobham*, his Son and Heir; in whom is also vested the Estate of the *Damourys*, who had heretofore the temporal Manor, in the Reigns of *Edw. I.*, *II.*, *III.*, of which Family was *Robert Damory* (to whom the Prior of *Luffield* allowed the Liberty of having Divine Service in his Chapel here, with a *Salvo* to the Rights of the Mother Church) and *Nicholas Damory*, who *Anno 6 Edw. II.*, obtained a Charter for Free-Warren in his Manor here. But *Anno 20 Edw. III.*, I find that *Richard Damory* suffered a Fine of this Manor and of other Lands in *Akeley* and *Lekbampsted* (which *Adam de Cottenball* had a Lease of for Life) and passed it away to *William Fitz-Laurence*, of *Great Linford*, from whose Heirs I presume it was sold to the *Bartons* Lords of *Thornton*, *Temp. Hen. V.*; who endowed therewith the Chantries above-mentioned, and so after the Dissolution of Chantries it coming to the Crown, was granted by King *Edw. VI.*, to *Edward Chamberlain*, of *Fulwell* in *Com. Oxon.*, 1553; who very soon after conveyed it to *Richard Sanders*, of *Great Kimbell*; who *Anno 1561*, on *Sept. 14.*, sold it to *John Temple*; who gave it to his third Son *Alexander Temple*, and so it descended to the Heirs of the *Temples*; the Right Honourable *Sir Richard Temple*, Lord Viscount *Cobham*, being the present Possessor hereof, *Anno 1735*. But as both Manors had been in Unity of Possession of the *Temple* Family, so this temporal Manor was at length passed away by them and became merged in the *Luffield* Priory Manor, and is now reputed to be involved in it.

Tho' the *Damory's* principal Seat was at *Bucknell Com. Oxon.*, I presume they had also a House in the Pasture Grounds here, West of the Town, wherein stood *St. Laurence's* Chapel, the Foundation of which was not long since dug up.

Without those Chantry Closes next to the Bridge leading into *Buckingham* Parish, are two remarkable Tumuli, which I judge were raised in the Time when the *Romans* possessed this Island, on Account of some Battle fought here. The Vulgar have several odd Traditions about their being inhabited by Fairies, &c.

The Advowson being given so early to *Luffield* Priory, those Monks seem very soon after to have got the Rectory appropriated to them, at least so early as the Year 1220, 4 *Hen. III.*, as I judge by this Entry in *Luffield* Register, fol. 12, an hundred Years after the aforementioned Date.

“*Universis, &c. Henricus, Episcopus Lincoln.* Notum facimus præsentibus, quod examinato Registro de Ordinacionibus Vicariarum Tempore *Henrici Lincoln.* Episcopi secundi Predecessoris nostri, compertum est in eo inter

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“ cetera contineri, quod Vicaria Ecclesiæ de *Thornborough*, quæ est Prioris & Monachorum de *Luffield*, ex dudum ordinata, consistit in omnibus Obventionibus Altaris et Minutis Decimis, cum Messuagio & Crofto eidem assignatis. Dat. apud *Chaldebeck*, secundo Idus *Septembris*, A. D. 1223.”

Anno 1291, 19 *Edw. I.* the Rectory was valued at fourteen Marks and the Vicarage at four Marks. A Portion of half a Mark, or 6s. 8d. was then paid out of the Rectory to the Abbey of *Osney*.

Anno 1584, 25 *Hen. VIII.* the Vicarage was rated at 8l. 17s. 1d. tho' it was lately returned to be only of the clear Value or Income of 20l. per Annum, in *Queen Anne's* Time.

Anno 1639, 14 *Car. I.* This Terrier of the Vicarage was delivered in by *John Carey* the then Vicar:

The Vicarage House of three Bays, and a Barn of three Bays. A Rood of Ground, five Acres of Arable, one Lot of Meadow, one Acre and one Rood of Grass, and about five Leys of Furz.

The Right of Presentation to the Vicarage, has always been in the Proprietors of the Rectory, and since the Donation of both to the *Throckmortons*, Anno 1551, passed, as that has done from the Heirs of *Throckmarton*, viz. to *Temple*, *Roper*, *Lennard*, and *Woodnoth*, as before observed.

The Parish Register begins Anno 1598, 40 *Eliz.* but has nothing memorable in it, except the Entry of the Burial of *Thomas Roper*, Lord Viscount *Baltinglass*, April 5, 1666; and the Marriage of Mr. *Thomas Herbert*, of *Woodstock*, and Mrs. *Elizabeth Berrie*, of *Haversham*, May 23, 1699; and the Burial of *Lionel*, Son, of *Benjamin Woodnoth*, Esq; Dec. 3, 1714, born in the Month of May in the same Year.

The Parish is bounded East by *Whaddon* and *Great Horwood*; South by *Adstock* and *Padbury*; West by *Bucks* and *Moreton*; and North by *Foxcote*, *Lekbampsted*, and *Thornton*.

It is assessed to the Land-Tax 1791. 11s. 4d. and contains about two thousand two hundred Acres. Here are eighty-two Families, and about three hundred and sixty-nine Souls, as it was returned, Anno 1712; when I meet with no Estate here given to Charity in this Parish.

The Church (which I take to have been built Temp. Ric. II) is dedicated to the Honour of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, and has a Wake or Feast kept the Sunday after August 15; consists of a Body and North Isle, which are leaded, and Chancel which is tiled: At the West-end is an embattled Tower, in which hang four pretty large Bells. Here was a fifth or Treble Bell, but that was about 80 Years ago, taken down and sold to *Tingrith*, as they informed me; the vacant Frame still remains where it hung; on the first Bell now left, is this Inscription, *Adst principio Sancta Maria mæ*; on the third, *In multis Annis resonat Campana Johannis*; the second and fourth are modern.

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The Chancel has been ceiled and repaired by the worthy Patron *Benjamin Woodnoth*, Esq; who has put up the following Inscription, on a Free-stone Tablet, affixed to the North-Wall, opposite to the Chancel Door;

- " In this Vault lieth interred the Body of *Margaret Corrance*, Grandaughter by the Mother's Side, of that very wise and excellent *Thomas* Lord *Coventry*, who died Lord-keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, after above fifteen Years executing that Trust in the Reign of the Blessed Martyr King *Charles* the First, first Daughter of Sir *John Hare*, of *Stow Bardolph*, in the County of *Norfolk*, and Relict of *John Corrance*, of *Rendlesham*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Esq; who left Issue by her, *John*, *Elizabeth*, and *Anne*, the Wife of *Benjamin Woodnoth*, of *Thornborough*. She deceased the 7th Day of *February*, 1715, aged eighty Years.
- " In the same Vault, lie the Bodies of her said Daughters, *Elizabeth*, who died unmarried, the 6th Day of *June*, 1718; and *Anne*, who died the 20th of *February*, 1719, leaving Issue, *Charles*, *Edward*, *Elizabeth*, and *Anne*; which is the only Inscription whatsoever therein."

But in the Church in the North Isle at the West Part of it are these two Inscriptions on Brass-plates on two ancient grey Marbles:

*Hic jacet Dom. Johes Crowche, qui quondam hic celebravit pro Animabus Johannis Barton, senioris et junioris, qui quidem Johannes obiit 8 Die Maii, A. D. 1473. Littera Dominicali C, cujus Animie propicietur Deus. Amen.*

*Hic jacet William Barton, qui obiit Festo Translationis Sancti Benedicti Abbatis, A. D. 1389, et Regni Regis Ric. II. 13, Incipiente quando Dies Dominicalis accidit super Litteram C, Hora vespertina, cujus Animie propicietur Deus. Amen.*

In a Window by it, is in painted Glass, these Arms of *Barton*, viz.  
*Ermine on a Dexter Canton Gules, an Owl Argent.*

But I come now to the List of the Vicars, from the Registers of the Church of *Lincoln*.

*Richard* is the first I meet with. He occurs Vicar *Anno* 1237, 21 *Hen.* III, and *Anno* 1249, 33 *Hen.* III.

*Ralph de Chetwode*, was Vicar, *Anno* 1252, 36 *Hen.* III, and *Anno* 1258, 42 *Hen.* III.

*Simon de Beycot* was presented to the Vicarage, *Anno* 1258, 42 *Hen.* III, by the Convent of *Luffield*.

*Richard de Buckingham* succeeded *Mar.* 3, 1294, 22 *Edw.* I, on the Death of *Simon*, last Vicar.

*Richard de Newton* was instituted 5 *Non. Maii*, *Anno* 1313, 6 *Edw.* II, on the Death of *Richard* last Vicar.

*John de Skelton* succeeded 17 *Cal. Feb.* *Anno* 1334, 8 *Edw.* III, on *Richard Newton's* Death.

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*Nicholas Druel* was instituted 10 Cal. Octob. Anno 1361, 15 Edw III, on the Death of *John*, last Vicar. He occurs, Anno 1380, 3 Ric. II.

*Thomas Lillingston* succeeded *Nicholas Druel*, Anno 1380, 3 Ric. II, 13 Cal. Jun. and occurs Vicar, Anno 1401, 2 Hen. IV.

*Henry Tame*, was instituted Mar. 29, Anno 1435, 13 Hen. VI, but not said how vacant.

*William Wells* of *Brayles* succeeded Jan. 17, Anno 1447, and resigned Anno 1457.

*William Lindefey* succeeded Oct. 11, 1457, 35 Hen. VI; he died Anno 1501, and was buried in the Chancel, being the last Vicar presented by the Priory of *Luffield*.

*John Skinner* succeeded Dec. 16, Anno 1501; he willed, Anno 1524, to be buried in the Chancel, under the Gravestone of his Predecessor.

*Robert Mekeley* was instituted Mar. 30, Anno 1525, on *Skinner's* Death, on the Presentation of *William Tyler*, who had got *Luffield* late Priory devised to him.

*Richard Taylor* was instituted 3 December, Anno 1546, on the King's Presentation, *Ratione contemptus Roberti Mekeley, non solventis Decimas*. After him.

*Thomas Cook* occurs Vicar, Anno 1561.

*John Richards* was presented to this Vicarage, Mar. 14, Anno 1574, by *Adrian Stokes*; he died Anno 1590, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Johnson*, A. M. presented on *Richard's* Death, Sept. 25, 1590, by *Arthur Throckmorton*, Esq;

*William Jenkins* succeeded, Anno 1598; but I have not his Institution. He was buried here Oct. 2, Anno 1629; and succeeded by

*James Carey*, instituted Nov. 24, 1629, on *Anne Temple's* Presentation. After him I find no more Presentations for near 100 Years; this Living being of so small Value that the Incumbents held it by Sequestration. *Carey* occurs Vicar, Anno 1642, as does

*Robert Duncombe*, Anno 1647 and 1653, in the Parish Register, where he writes himself Vicar, as does,

*Nicholas Gawen*, Anno 1661, and

*Joseph Newell*, Anno 1663, this Person continued to serve this Cure, tho' never in Orders, as I have been informed, for near 30 Years, and tho' he took out the Bishop's Title, Nov. 7, Anno 1688, being detected for Want of Orders, was obliged to retire and leave the Cure. He went to *Potterf-purg*, and died there as I was told.

*Thomas Cheslyn*, A. B. was instituted May 22, Anno 1691, on *Newell's* being outed; he quitted it for *Padbury*, where he lived (while Vicar here) and was succeeded by

*Richard Cardwell*, A. B. Anno 1715, but not instituted 'till Jan. 18, Anno 1718, when on Account of the Lapse, he took out the Archbishop of

of *Canterbury's* Title. He quitted it for *Raundes* in *Northamptonshire*, and was succeeded by

*William Halsted*, A. M. instituted Feb. 29, Anno 1723, on the Presentation of *Benjamin Woodnoth*, Esq; who is the present Vicar, Anno, 1735, and also Vicar of *Padbury*.

## T H O R N T O N,

**D**ERIVES its Denomination, as well as *Thornborough*, from *Thorns*, *Briars*, or *Brambles*; *Thornton* signifying the Town of *Thorns* or *Briars*. In *Doomsday Book* it is thus surveyed:

*Terra Rogeri de Iveri in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Godofridus tenet de Rogerio Terinton. Pro viii Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iii, et quarta potest fieri. Ibi xii Villani cum v Bordariis, habentibus 4 Carucatas, et sexta potest fieri. Ibi iii Servi. Et Molinum de x Solidis, et Pratum vi Carucatarum. In totis Valenciis valet et valet vi Libras. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii Libras.*

Godfrey holds *Terinton* or *Thorn-ton* of *Roger de Iveri*. It was rated at eight Hides. The Aable is eight Carucates, three are in Demesne, and a fourth can be made out. There are twelve Copyholders, and five Cortagers. They have five Carucates and a sixth can be made. There are three Servants, and a Mill of 10s. Meadow sufficient for six Carucates. In the whole it is worth and was valued at 6*l.* in *King Edward's* Time 8*l.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Azor, Toti Filius, et vendere potuit.*

*Azar*, Son of *Toti*, held this Manor, and could sell it.

To this *Roger de Iveri* (as spoken of in *Ratcliff*) succeeded *Jaffry* his Son, who dying Anno 1112, 12 *Hen. I.* without Issue, the King bestowed his Barony of *St. Wallerys*<sup>a</sup>, on *Guy de St. Wallery*; to whom succeeded *Reginald*, his Son and Heir, and to him *Bernard*, whose Son *Thomas de St. Wallery*, dying Anno 1219, 3 *Hen. III.* *Robert de Dreux*, having married *Annora* or *Allanora*<sup>b</sup>, his sole Daughter and Heir, had Livery of the Lands of her Inheritance in *England*, which by his Forfeiture were afterwards given to *Richard*, Earl of *Cornwall*, the King's Brother; however this *Robert* Earl of *Dreux*<sup>c</sup>, as I find in an old Deed without Date at *Thornton* (among many curious Evidences which I have been very kindly indulged the Perusal of, to my very great Information in these Collections) with the Consent of

<sup>a</sup> Parochial Antiq. p. 83.

<sup>b</sup> Dugdale Bar. vol. i. p. 255.

<sup>c</sup> Paroch. Antiq. p. 218.

*Annora* his Wife granted to *Ralph Hareng*<sup>d</sup> (who was Steward of the Barony of *St. Wallery*) the Donation which he had of *Thomas de St. Wallery* of the whole Manor of *Thornton*, with the Advowson of the Church. This was about the Year 1235, 19 *Hen. III.*, as I find by *Hareng's* Presentation of a Clerk to this Rectory<sup>e</sup>; but he held it not long, for about the Year 1245, 29 *Hen. III.*, this Manor and Advowson became the Property of Sir *James le Savage*, Knight, as appears by another old Deed, executed by him of Lands lying without the Park here, in which he is called Lord and Patron of *Thornton*; I presume by the Gift of *Annora*; for she solely in her own Person made a Conveyance of this Manor in these Words,

“ Sclant, &c. Quod ego *Annora* Comitissa *Drocarie* &c. Domina *Sancti Wallerici* concessi - - - Totum Manerium de *Thornton* cum Pertinentiis, habendum sibi et Heredibus. Hjs Testibus *Gocelin de Hubel*, *Henrico de Sancto Albano*<sup>f</sup>, &c.”

In which Deed, though the Name of the Person is defaced, it agrees with *Savage's* coming into the Possession here, which was about the Year 1245, 29 *Hen. III.*, *Annora* having it then, as seems to me, in Dowry: And *James le Savage* levied a Fine of Lands in *Thornton*, Anno 1250, 33 *Hen. III.*<sup>g</sup>. However he held it not long for *Richard de Chastillon* (a younger Brother, as I conceive, of the *Chastillons* of *Lekhampsted*) and *Roesia* his Wife, were possessed of this Manor and Advowson, about the Year 1264, 48 *Hen. III.*, it coming, as I judge, to the said *Richard* by Marriage of *Roesia*, for I find her after her Husband's Death, which happened about the Year 1280, 7 *Edw. I.*, styled, *Domina de Thornton*, which *Roesia*, Anno 1303, 31 *Edw. I.*, granted a Messuage here, and also Lands in *Lillingston* to her Son *Malcolm Chastillon*<sup>h</sup>, and his Heirs; who after the said *Roesia's* Death is called *Dominus de Thornton*. This *Malcolm*, or *Masculine*, as he is also called, was Anno 1318, 6 *Edw. II.*, 1313, elected one of the Knights of this Shire, to serve in Parliament, and dying about Anno 1318, 11 *Edw. II.*, was succeeded by a Son of both his Names<sup>i</sup>, who was elected Knight of this Shire, Anno 1, 2, 4, et 6 *Edw. III.*, 1327, 1328, 1330, and 1332: who dying without Issue (as seems to me) this Estate descended to *John Chastillon* his Brother and Heir, who for the Souls of *Alice* and *Joan* his Wives<sup>k</sup>, and the Soul of *Malcolm* his Father and *Sibill* his Mother, gave two Messuages and a Croft, and 100 Acres of Land, to found a Chantry of *St. Mary* in *St. Michael's* Church at *Thornton*. He also represented this County in Parliament, Anno 15 *Edw. III.*, 1341, when his Kinsman *Richard Chastillon*, Lord of *Lekhampsted*<sup>l</sup> was the other Knight; and dying Anno 1348, 21 *Edw. III.*, was succeeded by his Son and Successor of both Names (afterwards knighted;) which Sir *John Chastillon* the fifth of this Family, and *Margaret* his Wife having mortgaged this Manor, Anno 18 *Ric. II.*, 1395, to *John Gifford*, of *Whaddon* and others. They afterwards by Indenture of Bargain and Sale, dated April 1414, 2 *Hen. V.* for 800 Marks<sup>m</sup> conveyed in Fee this their Manor of *Thornton* to *John Barton*, jun. *John*

<sup>d</sup> Ex Evidentiis apud Thornton. <sup>e</sup> Ex Registro Lincoln. <sup>f</sup> Ex Evidentiis prædictis. <sup>g</sup> Rot. Fin. Cp. Bucks. <sup>h</sup> Ex Evidentiis apud Thornton. <sup>i</sup> Prynn's Brevia Parliam. <sup>k</sup> Ex Evidentiis prædictis apud Thornton. <sup>l</sup> Brevia Parliam. <sup>m</sup> Ex Evidentiis ut prius.



*Barton, jun. John Wolf and Henry Barton*, with the Advowson of the Church and Chantry founded in the Church here, with all their Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Services in the Villages of *Thornton, Great and Little Lekhampsted*. and also all their Woods in the Parishes of *Stow and Westbury*, with the Parks called *Royes*, or *Royesia's Park*; and *Makeline's* or *Malcolm's Park*; with all Woods and Underwoods, &c. How long this Sir *John Chastillon* afterwards survived, I have not seen, but I presume he was very aged, and reduced to great Streights, for his Purchasers gave to him and his Lady, soon after this Sale, a Meadow in *Thornton*, to enjoy for their Lives<sup>a</sup>.

As to the Purchaser *John Barton*, he was Son of *John Barton*, Recorder of *London*, and Brother of *John Barton*, who represented this County in Parliament, Anno 20 Ric. II, 1397, and Anno 2, 5 and 9 Hen. IV, 1401, 1404, 1408, and dying Anno 1431, 9 Hen. VI, was buried in the Church of *St. Peter and St. Paul*, in the County Town of *Bucks*, where he founded a Chantry. He was also elected Knight of this Shire, Anno 1 and 2 Hen. V, and by his Brother's Example at *Buckingham*, he founded a second Chantry here in this Church of *Thornton*; the North Chancel of which he rebuilt, and made a very fine Monument therein for himself and *Isabel* his Wife, where they both lye buried under an Arch, with their Effigies in Alabaster, most curiously carved, though without any Inscription or Date, so that the Time of his Death can only be guessed at, which was in the Year 1433, or 1434, 12 Hen. VI, as appears by his Will hereafter given. *Isabell* his Wife surviving him, she re-married Sir *Robert Sboresbrook*, and dyed Anno 1457, 35 Hen. VI, as appears by her Will, possessed of this Manor, to which Anno 1443, 21 Hen. VI, one *John Langton* set up a Title to, and commenced a Suit at Law, claiming it by Descent from the *Chastillons*, as being descended from a Daughter of that Family and Name<sup>b</sup>, and so entitled to the Inheritance on Account of the Failure of their Issue Male<sup>c</sup>; but upon a Reference, it was decided by an Award, and confirmed to the said *Isabel Barton*; whereupon, on the Payment of 254 Marks to the said *John Langton*, by Deed, dated April 25, Anno 1443, 21 Hen. VI, he released all his Title and Claim to the said *Isabell Barton*, *William Fowler*, *Thomas Moor*, *Thomas Dodde*, *John Barton*, and their Heirs and Assigns; which *Thomas Moor* together with *John Arderne*, who was, I suppose, Executor to *John Barton*, Anno 1444, 22 Hen. VI, made a Grant thereof to *Isabel Barton* and *William Fowler*, (to whom this Manor had been assigned in Trust, Anno 1456) and also enfeoffed *John Crowche* and *William West* in this Manor, and in 600 Acres of Arable Land, 18 of Meadow, 20 of Pasture, 1000 of Wood, lying in *Thornton, Great and Little Lekhampsted*, and *Stow*, and *Westbury*.

Anno 1457, 35 Hen. VI, on Nov. 20, I find that *Thomas Conyers*, *William Fowler*, *John Watkins*, and *Thomas More*, by another Feoffment, conveyed these Premises to *William West* and *Thomas Norrys*. I also find that

<sup>a</sup> Ex Evidentiis ut prius. <sup>b</sup> Brevia Parliam. <sup>c</sup> Placita in Hillary Term, 18 Hen. VI. <sup>d</sup> Ex Evidentiis apud Thornton. <sup>e</sup> Ibid. <sup>f</sup> Ibid.

*Margaret*, Wife of Sir *John Pryssot*, Knight, *Ralph Grey*, and *John Filiol*, delivered this Manor, with all its Appurtenances, viz. the Advowson of the Church and Chantry here, and all the Lands, &c. here, and in *Great and Little Lekbampsted*, *Stow*, *Westbury*, and the Parks called *Roye's* and *Malkelom's* Parks, by Deed, dated May 1, Anno 1462, 2 *Edw. IV.*, to *George Nevill*, Bishop of *Exeter*, *William Nevill*, Earl of *Kent*, and divers others; among which are named, Sir *Thomas Dymock*, *Robert Ingelton*, and *William Ingelton*, which Trustees, I presume, very soon after conveyed the Premises to *Robert Ingelton*: For Anno 1464, 4 *Edw. IV.*, he subscribes himself Lord of *Thornton*, in a Deed executed in the Presence of *Richard Moore*, of *Boreton*; *John Barton*, of *Lower Winchington*; and *Joan*, Wife of *William West*, deceased; this bears Date Jan. 1, 1464, 4 *Edw. IV.*, which *Robert Ingelton* in a Bond to *Thomas Billyng*, Lord Chief Justice, and others, Anno 1467, 7 *Edw. IV.*, made over this Manor on a Proposal of a Marriage of one his Daughters, *Jane* or *Margaret*, to *John Cbeyne*, which he the said *John Cbeyne* should choose, which took Effect with *Margaret* his youngest Daughter; this *Robert Ingelton* dying Anno 1472, 12 *Edw. IV.*, was buried in the Middle of the Chancel here, under a most magnificent raised Tomb, whereon is the Portraitsures of himself and his three Wives in Brass.

To him succeeded *George Ingelton*, who Anno, 1487, 2 *Hen. VII.*, styles himself Lord of *Thornton*, and dying Anno 1494, 9 *Hen. VII.*, left Issue by *Sibill* his Wife, *Robert* his Son and Heir, who dying Anno 1503, 18 *Hen. VII.*, left an only Daughter, named *Jane* or *Joan*, the Wardship of whom was by King *Hen. VII.*, Anno 1505, committed to his great Favourite Sir *Richard Empson*, on whose Attainder, Anno 1509, 1 *Hen. VIII.*, she was committed to *George Talbot*, Earl of *Shrewsbury*, who Anno 1514, assigned the Wardship of her to *John Bradbury* of *London*, and *James Bodley* of *Walden* in *Essex*, which *Bodley*, Anno 1519, 10 *Hen. VIII.*, married her to his Kinsman *Humphrey Tyrrell*, Son of *William Tyrrell* of the antient Family of the *Tyrrells*, of *South Ockington*, in *Essex*; of which Marriage the said *Humphrey* making Proof, had Livery of the Lands of her Inheritance, and dying Anno 1550, 3 *Edw. VI.*, his Wife surviving him, she re-married *Alexander St. John*, Esq; and dying 1557, 4 and 5 *Philip* and *Mary*, in the 55th Year of her Age, was buried in the Chancel here, under a raised Tomb, with her Portrait engraven on a Brass Plate thereon, near her Grandfather, *Robert Ingelton's* Monument: On her Death *George Tyrrell*, her only Son and Heir succeeded, who is reported to have impaired the Estate of the Family very much, and squandered away several Manors, though as it appears by the Inquisition taken at his Death, he nevertheless left behind him great Possessions to his Heirs, and with Part of what was sold; purchased the Manor of *Lymes-End*, alias *Little Lekbampsted*, and enclosed a Park here, which I find he had Licence granted him to do, Anno 1558, 1 *Eliz.* the Year after his Mother's Death, and dying May 10, Anno 1570, was buried here, leaving Issue by *Helen* or *Eleanor* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Edward Mon-*

\* Ex Evidentiis apud Thornton. \* Ex Evidentiis ut prius. \* Ibid. \* Ex Genealogia,  
 \* Ex Evidentiis, ut prius. \* Ex Epitaphiis. \* Patent, Anno 1 Eliz.

*tague*, Lord Chief Justice of England<sup>b</sup>, *Edward*, his eldest Son and Heir, aged 19 Years, 11 Months and 10 Days. The Lands which he stood seized of at his Death, I shall give from the Inquisition<sup>c</sup>, which sets forth, "That he viz. the said *George Tyrrell*, died possessed of the Manor of *Thornton*, 6 Messuages, 4 Cottages, 2 Water Mills, 3 Dove-houses, 7 Gardens, 7 Orchards, 40 Acres of Land, 100 of Meadow, 1200 of Pasture, 40 of Wood, and Right of Fishing, and Free Warren in *Thornton*, and of the Advowson of the Church there; and of the Manor of *Okeley* alias *Wokely*, 9 Messuages, 4 Cottages, 300 Acres of Land, 10 of Meadow, 100 of Pasture, and 160 Acres of Wood in *Okeley* and *Brill*; and also of the Manor, *Lymes End*, alias *Little-Lekbampsted* 7 Messuages, a Dove-house, 40 Acres of Land, 100 of Meadow and 100 of Pasture, with a Fishery in *Little-Lekbampsted*, alias *Lymes End*, aforesaid, 5 Messuages, 2 Cottages, 3 Gardens and Orchards, 200 Acres of Land, 80 of Meadow, 100 of Pasture, and a Fishery in *Great Lekbampsted*; 1 Messuage, 40 Acres of Land, 8 of Meadow, and 6 of Pasture, in *Nutbop* in *Lekbampsted*; and 200 Acres of Wood in *Westbury*;" which *Edward Tyrrell* his Son and Successor as aforesaid (afterwards knighted) espoused the Year after his Father's Death, *Mary*, Daughter of *Benedict Lee*, of *Hulcot*, Esq; (Ancestor to the present Earl of *Lichfield*<sup>d</sup>) and by her had Issue Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, his eldest Son and Successor, who after her Death, which happened *Anno* 1579, she dying here *April* 18, in Child-bed, married *Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Aston*, of *Aston*, in *Cheshire*, by whom he had Issue three Sons and six Daughters, whereof Sir *Timothy*, the Eldest, was seated at *Okeley* by *Brill*; and dying *Anno* 1632, was buried here at *Thornton*, and succeeded by Sir *Timothy Tyrrell*, his eldest Son and Heir, Father to that noted Historian *James Tyrrell*, born *Anno* 1643, who died, *Anno* 1718, and was Father to the present *James Tyrrell*, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army: The second Son to Sir *Edward*, by this second Lady was *John*, a Captain in the Army in *Flanders*, who died without Issue; and his third Son, was Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, of *Hanslapp* and *Castle Tbrupp*<sup>e</sup>, whose Son and Heir, Sir *Peter Tyrrell*, made a Baronet *July* 20, 1665, dying *Anno* 1711, was succeeded by Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, his only Son, who dying in *May* 1714 without Issue, that Honour became extinct in his Family.

As to Sir *Edward Tyrrell* himself, he having, *Anno* 1602, as appears by the Date, built a large House in this Manor of *Lekbampsted*, called by the Name of the *Toy*, and dying *Jan.* 26, 1605, was buried here, being at the Time of his Death Member of Parliament for the County Town of *Bucks*; his Successor in this Manor was his eldest Son of both Names, by his first Lady, viz. Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, who also married two Wives, viz. *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *William Kingsmill*, of *Hampshire*, who died in Child-bed, and was buried here, *Sept.* 1, 1621; his second Wife, by whom he had no Issue, was *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Watson*, of *Rockingham* Castle, in the County of *Northampton*, Widow of Sir *John Needham*, of *Lichbarrow*, in the said

<sup>b</sup> Ex Genealogia.      <sup>c</sup> Ex Inquisit. cap. apud *Aylebury*.  
the Baronetage of England.

<sup>d</sup> Ex Genealogia.      <sup>e</sup> Vide

County; he died and was buried here, *June 26, 1631*. This Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, being by Letters Patent, dated *Oct. 31, 1627*, created a Baronet, surrendering the same to barr his eldest Son, *Robert Tyrrell*, took out a new Patent, *Feb. 19, 1638*, with Precedence as in the former, *Anno 1627*, with Remainder to *Toby Tyrrell*, his second Son; which would have created a Dispute had not his Son *Robert* died in his Life-Time without Issue, where-upon he was at his Death, which happened *July 2, 1656*, succeeded in his Title and Estate here by Sir *Toby Tyrrell*, his then eldest Son and Heir, who married to his first Wife, *Edith*, Daughter to Sir *Francis Windebank*, Secretary of State; by whom having only a Daughter, named *Frances*, Wife to Sir *John Hewett*, of *Wareley* in the County of *Huntingdon*, Bart. he took after her Death to his second Wife, *Lucy*, Daughter to Sir *Thomas Barrington*, of *Barrington-Hall*, in *Essex*, Widow to *William Cheyne*, who died soon after his Marriage to her) by whom he had Issue his worthy Son and Successor, Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, renowned for his great Hospitality and affable Temper, which endeared him to all that knew him; and will render his Memory loved and revered by Posterity, insomuch that whosoever comes after him, cannot be deserving of an higher and more exalted Character, than to be compared to him.

But to return to Sir *Toby*. He died at his Son-in-Law's House, at *Wareley* *Oct. 1*, and was buried here at *Thornton*, *Oct. 7, 1671*, and succeeded by his afore said worthy Son, Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, who by *Frances* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Henry Blount*, of *Tittenbanger*, Co. *Hertford*, had a numerous Issue, viz. 6 Sons and 4 Daughters, 7 of which lived to Men's and Women's Estates; whereof the Eldest, Sir *Harry Tyrrell*, who succeeded on his Father's Death, which happened the 10th of *Oct. 1705*, served the honourable Office of High Sheriff of this County in his Father's Life Time; he married *Hester*, Daughter of *Charles Blount*, of *Staffordshire*, Esq; and dying *Nov. 6, 1708*, leaving Issue 3 Sons and 2 Daughters, was succeeded in this Dignity by his eldest Son Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, who dying unmarried, *Dec. 25, 1718*, was succeeded by his next Brother Sir *Harry Tyrrell*, who also dying unmarried, *Nov. 9, 1720*, the Title came to Sir *Charles*, the only surviving Son, who married *Anno 1726*, at *Geneva*, *Jane Elizabeth*, only Daughter of *Monsieur John Sellen*, of that City, Merchant, by whom he had Issue two Sons, who both died young, and one Daughter, viz. *Hester Maria*; which Sir *Charles* is the present Lord of this Place, *Anno 1735*.

This antient Family still flourishes in the eldest Branch in *Essex*, and its present Principal, is Sir *John Tyrrell*, Bart. a Gentleman much esteemed in that County.

This Parish is bounded, West by *Thornborough*, North by *Lekbampsted*, East by *Bechampton*, and South by *Whaddon*; and also North by *Wykins*, which last Parish is in *Northamptonshire*.

It contains about 1200 Acres; here were, as returned, *Anno 1712*, to the Bishop of *Lincoln*, only 12 Families, and 50 Souls, near as many of which

Number alone, cohabited in the Manor-House, in the late generous Sir *Thomas Tyrrell's* Time. It was then assessed to the Land-Tax 110*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* The Rectory was rated, *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, at 8 Marks, deducting a Pension of 10*s.* to the Abbat of *Oseney*, given to that Convent by the *St. Wal-lerys*. *Anno* 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII, it was charged for first Fruits at 11*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* as it now pays, and is of the clear yearly Value of 76*l.*

The Terrier delivered in of it, *Anno* 1674, 26 *Car.* II, by *Charles Almond*, then Rector, sets forth, that besides the Parsonage House of 3 Bays and a half, and a Barn of two Bays, here only belonged to it an Orchard and Slip of Ground of about an Acre, and a little Parcel of Meadow, of about half an Acre.

The Church here, which is dedicated to the Honour of *St. Michael*, consists of a Body, South Isle and Chancel, and North Chancel, all which are leaded. At the West-End is a square embattled Tower, in which hang 3 Bells: On the first of which is this Inscription;

*Sint pro Elia Michael Deus atque Maria:* Being, as I suppose, given by *Elia Tingwick*, who died Rector here, *Anno* 1343.

The second is modern; and on the third is this,

*Sumi Rosa pulsata, Pundique Maria vocata.*

Here was a North Isle to answer the South one, but it was pulled down about the Year 1620, to the great Disfigurement of the Church, and a Wall run up between the Pillars and Arches.

*William Breedon* was then Rector, and Sir *Edward Tyrrell* Patron, who is said to have demolished it.

In a North Window these Arms,

*Gules, a Fess indented, Flory and Counterflory Argent.*

At the lower End of the South Isle next the Tower, lay a Free-stone Effigy of a Man, seemingly an Ecclesiastick by the Tonsure of his Head and Fold of the Garment; at his Feet, a Lion: This I take to have been for *John de Chastillon*, a younger Son of the Patron, and Lord of this Place, who was Rector here from *Anno* 1347, 22 *Edw.* III, to 1377, 51 *Edw.* III. It is now removed into the Chancel.

In the uppermost Window of the said South Isle, lies another like Effigy, of a Priest seemingly; which I take to have been for *Elias de Tingwick*, Rector here from *Anno* 1315, 8 *Edw.* II, to 1347, 21 *Edw.* III, who gave the first Bell as before-mentioned.

Here are no other other Monuments or Inscriptions in the whole Church; and so I come to the North Chancel or Chantry.

In the East Window is an Angel holding a Shield; thereon these Arms, in Part broken, being of *Barton*, viz.

*Ermine, on a Canton, Gules, an Owl Argent.*

In the said East Window the Portraiture of another Angel at Prayers, on his Fingers this, on a Scroll,

*Ave Maria Gratia plena. Dominus tecum.*

Here were also a Man and Woman, kneeling at Desks; but these are defaced, and at the Bottom of the Window was this Legend, when entire,

*Orate pro Johanne Barton, juniore, Domino de Thornton, conditore istius Capelle, et pro Isabella, Uxore ejus; quorum Animabus propicietur Deus. Amen.*

An Extract of whose Will I shall here give from the Original, in the Archives of *Lambeth*; it is dated 1443, in *Registro Chicheley*, folio 442, and is as follows, “Ego Johannes Barton, condico Testamentum meum in hunc modum: “Lego Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Capella Annuntiationis B. M. Virginis, “in Eccl. de Thornton. Item volo, quod predicta Capella de novo edificetur “bonis et catellis meis. Item lego Fabricie Eccl. predict. 10 Marcas et Cancello 5 Marcas. Item Ordini Fratrum de *Aylesbury* 40 s. Abbati *Bittlefen* 40 s. Priori de *Luffield* 20 s. Priori de *Snellshall* 20 s. Abbati de *Notly* unam peciam Argenti deaurat.”

In the second North Window of this Chapel, or North Chancel, were in painted Glass, the Portraits of St. Michael slaying the Dragon; and of St. Catherine with her Wheel; and St. Margaret with a Dragon; and St. Mary Magdalen; and also of a Bishop kneeling; and of an Apostle, and the Portrait also of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Glory, with Sancta Maria ero ——— and Persons praying to her, and these Words, Sancta Virgo Virginitatem ora pro nobis, and Sancta Maria, porta aurea, Exc. 44.

At the Bottom of the Windows was this Legend,

*Orate pro bono Statu Wilhelmi Barton, et Emmote Uxoris ejus, necnon Johannis Barton, senioris, quondam Recordatoris London. Quorum Animabus propicietur Deus.*

N. B. I suppose they were Father and Mother to John Barton, sen.

In this Chapel is a Vault, where lie interred several of the Family of the *Tyrrills*, viz. no less than 6 Baronets, and some of their Ladies and Children; of above 30 of whose Interments we have an Account of from *George Tyrrill's* Time, Anno 1570, to 1735; but not the least Memorial for any one of them.

There are against the Wall, two Atchievements with the *Tyrrill's* Arms and Crest, viz.

*Argent two Chevrans Azure, within a Bordure engrailed Gules; Crest, on a Wreath, a Boar's Head erect, Cowpee, holding a Peacock's Tail.*

Under an Arch between the Church and Chancel, is a most elegant Monument for the aforesaid John Barton, jun. and Isabel his Wife, the Builders of this Chapel, but no Inscription, Date, or Arms thereon: On the Tomb lie their Effigies in Alabaster, at full Length; his in Armour, his

his Head resting on an Helmet and Wreath, at his Feet a Dog: Her Head rests on a Pillow; on the right Side a Male Child. He died, according to the Date of his Will, *Anno 1433, 11 Hen. VI;* and she, *Anno 1457, 35 Hen. VI,* having been re-married to Sir Robert Shotesbraok.

But I now come to the Monuments in the Chancel; in the East Window whereof are these Arms, *viz. Argent a Lion rampant, Gules within a Bordure, Azure, entoire de Bezants; Gules, 3 Lions passant, gardant Or.* The first Coat being the Arms of the Earl of Cornwall; and the second of the Crown of England in Edw. III's Time, when I presume this Church was built.

In the Chancel are also two raised Tombs and several Grave-stones; but I shall begin with the Grave-stones.

On the Pavement are the five following, *viz.*

One with the Effigies of a Man and of a Woman in Brass, underneath them this Inscription,

*Hic jacet Will. Clodd, Agneta Uxor ejus, et Dominus Wilhelmus Filius eorum, qui quidem Willhellmus Pater Willhelmi, obiit decimo Die Mensis Aprilis, A. D. 1474. Quorum Animabus propicietur Deus: Amen.*

On another the Effigies of a Man and Woman in Brass, at their Feet this Inscription,

*Hic jacet Georgius Ingleton, Dominus de Thornton, et Domina Isabella, Uxor ejus, vidua, qui quidem Georgius obiit 26 Die Januarii, A. D. 1400.*

On another, whereon were the Effigies of a Man and Woman in Brass, and this Inscription,

*Hic jacet Agnes, Uxor Johannis Reynes, Armigeri, filia Caroli Ingilton, que obiit 18 Die Augusti, 1481; ejus Anime propicietur Deus.*

On two Plates of Brass these Arms, *viz.*

In one, *Shield; Ingleton, and Dymock.*

On the other, *Reynes, viz. Cheque Or and Gules, a Canton Ermine.*

On another old Grave-stone was this, on a Plate of Brass,

*Hic jacet Milo Ingilton Generosus, qui obiit decimo Die Mensis Augusti, 1480.*

Near it on a modern Grave-stone, this on a Plate of Brass,

H. S. E.

*" Thomas Allen, hujus Ecclesie Rector, Novi Collegii Oxon Socius,  
" ultra Annos Doctus, ultra Bonos Pius, sibi ultra Modum Parcus,  
" cognatis pæne ultra Rem munificus. Qui nimium Literarum studio  
" posthabita Valetudine, Pthisi conflictus tandem obiit Julii 7, A.D.  
" 1710, Aetat. 27.*

On

On the North Side a raised Monument, covered with an ancient Marble; thereon the Portrait of a Woman in Brass; at the dexter Corner these Arms quarterly,

1 *Tyrill, Argent, 2 Chevrons Azure, within a Bordure engrailed Gules.*

2 *Ingilston, a Cross engrailed between 4 Escallops.*

3 *Paly of 6.*

4 *On a Chevron engrailed, 3 Dolphins bauriant, a Crescent for Difference.*

Under these Arms on a Brass Plate

*Humfrey Tyrill, of Wokinton.*

On the sinister Side these Arms, quarterly,

1 *Seme de Cross Crosets, a Chevron between 3 Griffins Heads eras'd.*

2 *A Chevron between 3 Crescents.*

3d. *as 2d.*

4th. *as 1st.*

Under these Arms on a Brass Plate.

*Jane, Daughter and Eyer of Robert Ingylton.*

Under these Arms the Portrait of a Woman in Brass, at her Feet, on a Brass Tablet this,

*Et predicta Jana habuit uxorem Georgium Terrell, Filium suum apparentem, et predictus Georgius fuit viginti octo annorum natus, Die quo predicta Jana obiit.*

At the dexter Corner at Bottom, the same Arms, on both Shields quartered, in 16 Quarterings, viz. 1st as 2d, 4th as 1st, and under it in Brass,

*George Terrell, Son and Eyer to Humfrey and Janne.*

On the Sinister the same Arms quartered as on both, Shields at Top, and round the Verge this Inscription,

*Hic jacet Jana Yngleton, Filia et sola Heres Roberti Yngleton, Armigeri, defuncti, Domina de Thornton, ac Patrona ejusdem Ecclesie, quondam Uxor Humfridi Tyrrell, Armigeri, etiam defuncti, ac nuper Uxor Alexandi Seynt John, Armigeri, quo Jana obiit vicesimo quarto Die Mensis Aprilis, A. D. millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo, et predicta Jana fuit quinquaginta quinque Annos nata, Die obitus sue. Cujus Anime propicietur Deus.*

In the Middle of the Area of the Chancel stands a very handsome Altar Tomb of Stone, the Top of grey Marble, and inlaid with Brass; and thereon under four several Arches these Arms and Portraits, viz. under the



the first, the Portrait of a Woman and of 3 Sons and 5 Daughters, and these Arms, viz.

*Dymock, being 2 Lions passant crown'd, quartering a Dagger in Pale.*

Under the second, the Portrait of a Man in Armour, and these Arms quarterly, viz.

1 *A Chevron between 3 Fire Balls.*

2 *A Griffin Segreant.*

3 *Semee de Crofs Croflets fitché, 3 Griffins Heads erased.*

4th as 1st.

Under the third, the Portrait of a Woman, and of 2 Sons and 3 Daughters, and these Arms, viz.

*Semee de Crescents, a Lion rampant.*

Under the fourth, the Portrait of a Woman, and of 1 Son and 2 Daughters, and these Arms, viz.

*Ermine on a Chevron, 3 Fleurs de Lis.*

Under these on a Brass Tablet, this Inscription:

Armiger ecce pius jacet hic tellure Robertus  
Ingylton Dominus de Thornton jure Patronus,  
In quinto decimo mariens Octobris ab orbe.  
Ad celos transit spil. C quater his 2 simul adde,  
Sic tibi propicia celi Regina Maria.  
Salvet eum Christi matris amore Deus.

Round the Verge is this in Brass in good Part defaced.

Qui quondam erat juris peritus  
Et totius virtutis Amicus.

And this Inscription, which when entire, was as follows,

Hic jacet Robertus Ingilton, Armiger, quondam Dominus de Thornton, ac ejusdem Ecclesie patronus, qui quondam erat juris peritus, et totius virtutis Amicus. Hic etiam sepulchrum ejus requiescunt uxores, Margareta, Clemens, et Isabella, et obiit Robertus ipse xv Die Mensis Octobris, A. D. millesimo CCCC.LXXII, quorum Animabus propicietur Deus. Amen.

Under the Head of the Tomb; are two Children represented, under an Arch, holding a Shield in their Hands, on the first Shield these Arms quarterly,

1 *Ingilton.*

2 *Three Griffins Heads erased.*

3d as 2d.

4th as 1st.

Over his Head is subscribed *Robert Ingilton*; the Arms over the Child are defaced; over the Woman's Head, *Isabella Ingilton*.

On the South-side a female Child holding a Shield; thereon these Arms, viz.

*Semee de Crescents, a Lion rampant, Margaret Ingilton.*

A Male Child holding a Shield with these Arms, viz. *Argent, a Cross voided between 4 Cross Croflets fitché, Gules*, Thomas Billyng. Also a female Child holding these Arms in a Shield . . . . 3 *Lions passant* . . . . Over all a Bend, *Gules*, Kateryn Billyng. A male Child with these Arms, *Vaire a Fess, Gules*, Thomas Dinton. A male Child with these Arms, viz. *Argent 3 Wolves passant, Sable, quartering Ermine, a Bordure sable*, Thomas Lovet. A male Child having these Arms, 3 *Lions passant Guardant*, Robert Dymock. A male Child with the paternal Coat of *Ingilton, quartering Semee de Cross Croflets fitché, 3 Griffins Heads erased with a Label of 3 Points Gules for Difference*, John Ingilton.

At the East-End the Effigies of a Man holding a Shield; the Arms defaced. Also a Woman holding in a Shield *Ingilton's Arms*. Over the Man's Head Sir R ———. Over the Woman's M. I.

On the North Side a male Child, with the Arms defaced, on the Shield *Bernard Brokas*. Another male Child with these Arms in a Shield . . . *within a Bordure a Chevron, quartering, within a Bordure 2 Barrs engrailed*, Thomas Fitz-William. A female Child with these four Quarterings on her Shield:

- 1 *A cross Gules.*
- 2 *A Bend.*
- 3 *A Bend.*
- 4 *A Chief indented, Anne Lovet.*

A male Child holding these Arms, *A Bend between 6 Fleurs de Lis*, Robard Tillet. A male Child with these Arms, *Checcque Argent and Gules, a Canton Ermine*, John Reynes. A male Child with these Arms, *Checcque, Or and Azure, a Fess frette*, John Cheyne. A male Child, *with Ermine on a Chevron Gules, 3 Fleurs de Lis*, Clemens Ingilton.

In the Church-Yard, on the South-Side of the Chancel, is a Free-stone Monument, with this Inscription thereon :

H. S. E.

*Carolus Almond, per Annos 49 Rector*

*Hujus Ecclesiæ, in quo Officio, eâ*

*Pietate et Candore Animi se*

*Gessit, ut tam Deum quam Homines*

*Sibi in amorem devinxerit ;*

*Dilexit Uxorem Sponsus, Liberosque, Pater*

*Naturæ simul et Meriti memor,*

*Et qui semper amavit, cœpit in dies amari.*

*Hospitalis erga omnes ;*

*Erga Pauperes etiam ultra censum,*

*Liberali calebat Animo,*

*Pauper sibi et Pauperibus Dives ;*

*Animam quam in turbidis pacatam*

*In nubilis pro More suo præstitit serenam,*

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## HISTORY OF THORNTON.

Maturum Coelo reddidit Hospitem  
Solutus in certa spe Morte faciliq; Somno.

Natus 1650,

Denatus Apr. 28, 1709.

In this Church was, as before observed, a Chantry founded by the *Chastillons*, which was afterwards re-founded by *John Barton, jun.* The Lands belonging to this Chantry were chiefly at *Thornborough*, where the Chantry Priest had a House: The Priest of *Chastillons* Foundation was for every Neglect of his daily Duty obliged to pay 1*d.* to the Poor\*.

The first Priest appointed by the Founder, was,

*Thomas Handes*, of *Alderton*, who resigning this Chantry, *Anno* 1371, 45 *Edw.* III, after about 27 Years Possession of it (for I presume the Chantry was founded about 1347, there being *Anno* 1344, 18 *Edw.* III, a Licence granted by the Bishop of *Lincoln* to *John Chastillon*, as appears in the *Lincoln* Register, to have an Oratory at his House in *Thornton* that Year\*.)

*Robert Diere* was instituted to it, *Aug.* 3, 1371, 45 *Edw.* III, on *Hendes* Resignation.

*John Crowebe* is the next I find. He is *Anno* 1450, 28 *Hen.* VI, styled *Capellanus* here. He died *Anno* 1473, and was buried at *Thornborough*, where his Epitaph is still remaining. On his Death I find

*Thomas Blacklawe*, *Capellanus*, presented *Anno* 1473, to the Chantry of our Blessed Lady, founded by *John Barton, jun.* and *Isabel* his Wife, with a Grant of the Lands in *Thornborough*, bestowed thereon by *John Barton, sen.*

*William Clodd* seems to have been the next. He occurs *Capellanus* here, *Anno* 1494, 9 *Hen.* VII, and *Anno* 1525, 16 *Hen.* VIII. He put an Inscription for himself, his Father (who died *Anno* 1474, 14 *Edw.* IV,) and Mother, over their Grave in the Chancel here.

*Richard Stepley* occurs Chantry-Priest, about the Year 1529, and also 1535.

On the Dissolution of Colleges and Chantries, *Anno* 1547, 2 *Edw.* VI, I meet with this Account of the Chantry here, returned by the King's Commissioners†.

## THORNTON.

The Chantry in *Thornton*, called *Bartons Chantry*‡, worth by the Year clear 19*l.* 8*s.*

Sir *William Abbat* Incumbent, who is aged 60 Years, and hath clear out of it 10*l.* 8*s.* He teaches a Grammar School, and hath no other Way of living but by the said Chantry.

\* Ex Evidentiis apud *Thornton*. † *Lincoln* Regist. ‡ Vide the Return in the Augmentation Office. § Certificate of the Survey of the Lands of Churches and Chantries.

*Memorandum*, There is paid out of the said Chantry, to six poor Folks weekly, to every one of them 6*d.* which amounts to 7*l.* 16*s.* and to six Children yearly, for their Liveries, 4*s.* which amounts to 1*l.* 4*s.*

The Chantry in *Thornton*, called *Barton's* Chantry, maintained by *All-Souls* College, clear yearly 5*l.* 8*s.*

Sir *Robert Bartlet* Incumbent there, aged 80 Years, and hath paid him yearly by *All-Souls* College 108 *s.* the said Incumbent hath no other Way of Living but by the said Chantry.

In another Account of Chantries, founded in this Church, I meet with this Return.

*Barton* Chantry founded by *Robert Ingleton*<sup>a</sup>, to the Intent to find a Priest for ever; and that the said Priest shall give to six poor Folks continually 6*d.* the Week for every of them; and to give for the Livery of six poor Children every Year, for each of them 4*s.* and also the said Priest to teach the Childen of the said Town: The said Chantry is founded within the Parish Church of *Thornton*, and is observed according to the Foundation before declared, and so is very necessary.

The said Chantry is of the yearly Value of 21*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* whereof paid to the King's Majesty for Rents resolute 13*s.* 4*d.* and for Tenths 2*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* 5*q.* paid to . . . yearly 3*s.* so remaineth for the accustomed Payments as before-mentioned, *viz.* for the Priest's Salary, 9*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* In Alms to six poor Folks, 7*l.* 16*s.* And to six poor Children 1*l.* 4*s.* In all 18*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* The Ornaments of the said Chapel or Chantry be esteemed to be worth as appeareth by the Inventory, 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The Jewels of the said Chapel or Chantry, that is to say, a Chalice of Silver gilt, weighing eighteen Ounces, and remaining in the Hands of *William Abbat*, the Incumbent there.

There is a Mansion House belonging to the said Chantry, which is now in the Hands and Occupation of one *Humphry Tyrrell*, and the Chantry Priest nor his Predecessors have had it this fourteen or fifteen Years; which is worth yearly . . . And there hath been neither Dissolution, Purchase, or obtaining of any Part of the Possessions or Goods of the said Chantry since the 4th Day of *February*, in the 27th Year of our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty's Reign, *viz.* *Henry the VIIIth.*

*Bartons* Chantry, founded by *John Barton*, the Younger, to find a Priest for ever to the Intent to say Mass daily in the Church of *Thornton*, and also *Dirige* and *Commemorations* for the Souls departed of the said *John*, his Father and Mother, and others.

The said Chantry is founded in the Parish Church of *Thornton* aforesaid.

The said Chantry is of the yearly Value of 6*l.* paid to the King's Majesty Tenths 12*s.* so remaineth for the Priest's Salary 5*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* There belonged to the Chantry neither Goods, Chattels, Ornaments, or Jewels.

<sup>a</sup> Carta Foundationis concessa *Roberto Ing'leton*, data Feb. 8, 1471, in Archivis Turr. *London*.

There was no more Stipend belonging to this Chantry since the 4th Day of February, in the 27th Year of the King's Reign, nor before it.

But I come now to exhibit, from the Register of *Lincoln*, a List of the Rectors of *Thornton*.

#### THORNTON RECTORES.

*Hugh* is the first that occurs. I meet with him about the Year 1238, 22 Hen. III, when Sir *James le Sauvage* was Patron, and *Matthew Stratton* Archdeacon of *Buckingham*.

*Henry de Leukenor* occurs Rector, Anno 1246, 30 Hen. III. He was presented by *Ralph Hareng*, about the Year 1244.

*Walter de Crombell* is the next I meet with. He resigned this Rectory and was succeeded by

*Elias de Tingwick*, instituted Non. Aug. Anno 1315, 8 Edw. II, on the Presentation of *Roeha de Chastillon*.

*Robert de Gadlisford* was instituted 12 Cal. Junii, Anno 1347, 21 Edw. III, on the Death of *Elias de Tingwick*, on the Presentation of *John de Chastillon*, on the Death of *Robert*, last Rector.

*John Chastillon* was instituted 15 Cal. Sept. Anno 1349, on the Presentation of *John de Chastillon*.

*Henry Harwedon* was instituted 7 Cal. July, Anno 1377, 51 Edw. III, to the Church of St. *Michael's Thornton*, on the Death of *John Chastillon*; on the Presentation of *John Chastillon*.

*William Gylot*, of *Thornborough* was instituted on the Death of *Henry Harwedon*, on June 19, Anno 1394, 17 Ric. II, on the Presentation of Sir *John Chastillon*.

*William Tayls*, alias *Symond*, was instituted July 9, Anno 1423, on *Gylot's* Death, on the Presentation of *John Barton*, Esq.

*Thomas Dodde* is the next I find. He occurs Rector, Anno 1441, 19 Hen. VI.

*Simon Waryn* was presented by Sir *Robert Shottisbrook*, and instituted July 10, Anno 1453, on the Death of *Thomas Dodde*.

*William Ingilston* was presented on *Waryn's* Death, on the Presentation of *Robert Ingilston*, and instituted July 19, Anno 1463, 3 Edw. IV.

*Thomas Brown* succeeded, but I have not his Institution. He held it not long, for on his Death, Anno 1468, 8 Edw. IV.

*John Robyns* was instituted May 18, Anno 1468, 8 Edw. IV, on the Presentation of *Robert Ingilston*.

*Thomas Rogers* succeeded on *Robyns* Death, Aug. 14, Anno 1509, 24 Hen. VII, on the King's Presentation, in the Minority of *Jane Ingilston*.

*Robert Heywood* was instituted April 29, Anno 1532, on *Roger's* Resignation, on the Presentation of *Humfry Tyrrell* and *Jane* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Ingilston*.

*Thomas*

*Thomas Rogers* was instituted a second Time, on the Resignation of *Robert Heywood*, Jan. 29, Anno 1546, on the Presentation of *Humfry Tyrrell*, and *Jane* his Wife.

*Ralph Coly* was instituted on the Death of *Rogers*, on the Presentation of *George Tyrrell*, Esq; June 23, Anno 1557. He resigned it being also Rector of *Lekbampsted*; and was succeeded by

*Thomas Elkwood*, A. B. instituted Oct. 20, Anno 1573, on the Presentation of *George Vaux*, Esq; *George Tyrrell* the Patron in his Life-Time, Anno 1570, having given away the next Presentation. He died and was buried here, 5 Sept. Anno 1616, and succeeded by

*William Bredon*, Anno 1616; but I have not his Institution. In the Life of *William Lilly*, printed Anno 1721, page 31. sub Anno 1633, we are told that this *William Bredon* was the most polite Person in this Age for calculating Nativities, and that he had an Hand in composing Sir *Christopher Heydon's* Judicial Astrology: There are still remaining in the Parish several traditional Stories of his Conjurations and foretelling of Events. He died and was buried here, July 16, 1638, and succeeded by

*Robert Rudd*, A. M. instituted Aug. 1, Anno 1638, on the Death of *Bredon*, on the Presentation of Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, Knight and Baronet. He was ejected about the Year 1646, and

*Clement Gregory* intruded, who styles himself Rector of this Place, Anno 1651, when it was returned to be of the Value of 40*l.* per Annum. After the Restauration

*Charles Almond* got a Title to it, and is styled Rector, Anno 1660; but *Rudd* being alive, tho' living at another Benefice (as I presume at a great Distance) he the said *Charles Almond* did not become regularly instituted till Dec. 28, 1665, when he was put into Possession on the Presentation of Sir *Toby Tyrrell*, Baronet, tho' he supplied it from Anno 1660. He died April 28, 1709, and was buried here in the Church-Yard, and succeeded by

*Thomas Allen*, A. M. instituted Sept. 3, Anno 1709, on *Almond's* Death, on the Presentation of Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, Bart. He died July 7, 1710, and was buried here, and succeeded by

*Leonard Sedgewick*, A. M. presented July 13, Anno 1710, by the aforesaid Patron, Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, Bart. and he is Anno 1735, the present Rector, and also Minister of *Stony-Stratford*.

The Register begins Anno 1562, 4 Eliz: out of it I took these Entries:

## MARRIAGES.

*Edward Tyrrell*, Esq; and *Mrs. Mary Lea*, Jan. 20, Anno 1571.

Sir *Thomas Salisbury*, Knt. and Bart. and the Lady *Hester le Maire* Widow of Sir *Peter le Maire*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, Anno 1632.

*William Sanders*, of *Brixworth*, Co. *Northampton*. Esq; and *Mrs. Elizabeth Tyrrell*, Anno 1645, Sept. 21.

Sir

Sir *Walter Pye*, and *Mary*, Daughter of Sir *Timothy Tyrrell*, April 29, Anno 1646.

*Ulysses Blount*, Gent. and Mrs. *Hester Hewitt*, Grand-daughter of Sir *Toby Tyrrell*, June 6, Anno 1687.

*John Sheppard*, of *Litcot*, Gent. and *Hester*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, Oct. 27, 1687.

*Peter Leigh*, of *Higb-Leigh*, in *Cheeshire*, Esq; and Mrs. *Elizabeth Egerston*, Anno 1698.

### BIRTHS, or BAPTISMS.

*Henry*, Son of *Edward Tyrrell*, Esq; baptized March 6, 1571.

*Edward Tyrrell*, Son of *Edward Tyrrell*, Esq; born Feb. 16, baptized March 3, Anno 1573. He was afterwards Sir *Edward Tyrrell*.

*Francis*, Son of *Edward Tyrrell*, Esq; Anno 1574.

*Cassandra*, his Daughter, Anno 1576.

*Mary*, his Daughter, Anno 1578.

*Charles*, his Son, 1579.

*Frances*, his Daughter, Dec. 3, 1585. [She was Wife to Sir *Edward Broughton*, of *Hinton*.]

*Theodofa*, his Daughter, born March 12, 1586. [She married *Edmund West*, of *Masfworth*, Esq;]

*Thomas* his Son, born 23 Jan. Anno 1594. [He was afterwards knighted, and Ancestor to the *Hanslope* Family.]

*Bridget*, his Daughter, born Aug. 19, 1595.

*Robert*, Son of Sir *Edward Tyrrell*, the second of that Name, born May 4, 1609.

*Edward*, his Son, born April 3, 1610.

*Edward*, another Son, born Oct. 17, 1611.

*Hester*, his Daughter, born Aug. 13, 1613.

*Dorothy* and *Jane* his Daughters, born Aug. 24, 1614.

*Brandon Tyrrell*, his Son, born Oct. 5, 1615.

*Tobit*, his Son, Oct. 9, 1617.

*Francis*, his Son, Anno 1619.

*Barrington*, Son of *Toby Tyrrell*, Esq; and *Lucy* his Wife, born March 6, 1647.

*Dorothy*, their Daughter, Anno 1651.

*Timothy*, their Son, Anno 1654.

*Hester*, their Daughter, Anno 1656.

N. B. His Son and Successor, Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, was born elsewhere.

*Penelope*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Tyrrell*, and Dame *Frances* his Wife, Anno 1679.

*Anne*, their Daughter, Anno 1681.

*Thomas*, their Son, Anno 1682.

Several of their Children born elsewhere: Two Leaves cut out of the Register.

*Thomas*, Son of *Harry Tyrrell*, Esq; Sept. 29, Anno 1693. [He was afterwards a Baronet.]

*Harry*

*Harry*, Son of *Harry Tyrrell*, Esq; and *Hester* his Wife, *Anno* 1695. [He was afterwards a Baronet.]

*Frances*, their Daughter, *Anno* 1699.

*Penelope*, their Daughter, *Anno* 1700.

## B U R I A L S.

*George Tyrrell*, Esq; *May* 17, 1570.

*Mary*, Wife of *Edward Tyrrell*, Esq; *April* 30, *Anno* 1579. She died in Child-bed, *April* 18.

*Sir Edward Tyrrell*, *Feb.* 2, *Anno* 1605. He died *Jan.* 29.

*Lady Elizabeth Tyrrell*, Wife of *Sir Edward Tyrrell*, 1621. Ex Parte Mortua est.

*Thomas Tyrrell*, Esq; *Sept.* 11, *Anno* 1623.

*Robert*, eldest Son of *Sir Edward Tyrrell*, Bart. *July* 17, 1636.

*Dorothy*, his Daughter, *Anno* 1637.

*Edward*, Son of *Toby Tyrrell*, Esq; *July* 15, *Anno* 1643.

The *Lady Elizabeth Tyrrell*, Widow of *Sir Edward Tyrrell*, Knight, *Anno* 1637.

*Sir Timothy Tyrrell*, of *Okeley*, Knt. *Dec.* 18, *Anno* 1632.

*Robert*, Son of *Sir Edward Tyrrell*, Knt. and Bart. *May* 20, *Anno* 1644.

*Sir Edw. Tyrrell*, Knt. and Bart. *July* 3, *Anno* 1656 died *July* 2.

*Sir Toby Tyrrell*, Bart. *Oct.* 7. 1671.

*N.B.* His Lady died *April* 6, 1691, aged 70 Years, and was buried at *Chebbam-Bois*, by her first Husband, *William Cheyne*, Esq; who died

*Anno* 1641.

*Timothy Tyrrell*, Esq; *Anno* 1674.

*Penelope*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Tyrrell*, Bart. *Anno* 1693.

*Anne*, his Daughter, *Anno* 1694.

*Dame Frances Tyrrell*, Wife of *Sir Thomas Tyrrell*, Bart, *June* 11, *Anno* 1699.

*Mr. Harry Tyrrell*, of *Whaddon Chase*, *Anno* 1704.

*Catherine*, his Wife, *March* 21, 1713.

*Sir Thomas Tyrrell*, Bart. *Oct.* 14, *Anno* 1705. Qui omnibus flebilis occidit.

*Thomas Tyrrell*, his Son, *March* 1, 1705.

*Sir Harry Tyrrell*, Bart. *Nov.* 10. He died *Nov.* 6, *Anno* 1708.

*Sir Thomas Tyrrell*, Bart. *Anno* 1718, died *Decem.* 25, buried *Jan.* 1, 1718-19.

*Sir Harry Tyrrell*, Bart. *Nov.* 12, *Anno* 1720. He died *Nov.* 7.

The Seat of this ancient Family is of great Antiquity, viz. above 500 Years standing. It is a large House, quadrangled round, and has several spacious Rooms in it, and a noble Gallery, the Length of which being



being one Side of the House, is no less than 135 Foot. Here is a good Library; and in a Bow Window of the great Parlour, are these Arms in painted Glass, viz. *Argent on a Chevron between 3 Pellets as many Roses of the Field.*

## TINGWICK,

**W**RITTEN also *Tedinwicke*, may probably receive its Name from *Tede*, *Gramen*, and *Vicus*, Village, *quasi* a Town of Pasture, as it appears to have been greatly so at the *Norman* Invasion. It is thus surveyed in *Doomsday-Book* :

### *Terra Episcopi Bajocensis in Rovelai Hundred.*

*Ilbertus de Lacci tenet de Episcopo Tedinwicke. Pro x Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iii, et iii Servi, et i Molendinum de iv Solidis; et de aliis Redditibus Ville xx Solidis. Pratum viii Carucatarum, et Silva xl Porcorum. In totum valet x Libras, quando recepit vi Libras. Tempore Regis Edwardi x Libras.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Adnodus, Teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

*Ilbertus de Lacci* holds of the Bishop of *Baieux Tedinwicke*. It was taxed at ten Hides. The Arable is eight Carucates, three are in Demesne; and there are three Servants and one Mill of four Shillings Value; and of others Rents of the Village twenty Shillings. Meadow for eight Carucates, and Mast for forty Hogs. In the whole it is worth 10*l.* when he received 6*l.* In King *Edward's* Time 10*l.*

*Adnotb*, a Thane [or Knight] of King *Edward's* held this Manor, and could sell it.

How this Bishop of *Baieux*, whose Name was *Odo*, lost this, and his several other Manors, and died dispossessed of them in Exile, *Anno* 1096, 9 *Will. II.*, has been frequently mentioned; as he occurs also Lord of the adjoining Parish of *Finemere* in *Com. Oxon* (as may be seen in *Kennet's* Parochial Antiquities, page 67.) I presume both Parishes might afterwards come into the same Owners Hands of the Name of *Finemere*, and so continued till King *John's* Time; in the eleventh Year of whose Reign, *Anno* 1210, we are informed in *Madox's* History of the Exchequer, page 147. That Sir *Gilbert Finemere*, Knt. came into the Exchequer, and before the Barons quit-claimed to the Abbey de *Monte Rotbomago*, in *Normandy*, all his Right in the Manor of *Tingwick*; which he afterwards ratified, by passing a Fine thereof

to *Ralph*, the Abbat of *St. Catherine de Monte Rotbomagi* and his Successors (as I find in the Tower Archives, *Anno 8 Hen. III, 1225*<sup>a</sup>) which Convent being thus established in this Manor, obtained on *Dec. 12, 1246*, a Grant of a weekly Market here on *Tuesdays*<sup>b</sup>. And these Religious continued possessed thereof till the Reign of King *Edw. III*, when that King taking the Temporalities of foreign Monasteries into his Hands, occasioned those Monks to procure Leave from the King to alienate their Manor of *Hermansworth*, Co. *Middlesex*, and also this of *Tingwick*; to both which Manors *William Wickham*, Bishop of *Winchester*, becoming the Purchaser, he settled that of *Hermansworth* on the College of *Winchester*, of his Foundation there<sup>c</sup>; and it remained Part of their Endowment till it was taken away from them by King *Hen. VIII*<sup>d</sup>, on a forced Exchange of Lands. And as to this other Manor of *Tingwick*, it having been as aforesaid thus purchased by the said Bishop, he bestowed it on the other College of his Foundation in *Oxford*, called *New-College*. And so the Warden and Fellows of that Society have been ever since Patrons of this Church of *Tingwick*, and Lords of the Manor, and so remain at this present, *Anno 1735*.

This Parish of *Tingwick* contains about 2000 Acres: It is bounded West by *Finemere Co. Oxon*; North by *Water-Stratford* and *Stow*; East by *Radcliff* and *Bucks*; and South by *Preston*, *Chetwode*, and *Barton*.

The Number of Families was returned to be 107, and of Souls about 430, being, next to the Town of *Buckingham*, the most populous Parish in the whole Division or Hundred. It was then, *viz. 1712*, assessed to the Land-Tax 135 *l.* 16 *s.* 10 *d.*

The Rectory was valued, *Anno 1291*, at 11 Marks; and *Anno 1534* (as it now stands charged for first Fruits) at 12 *l.* 16 *s.* 3 *d.* It is reputed worth 150 *l. per Annum*.

The Terrier as delivered of the Endowment of the Parsonage, *Sept. 22, 1607*, by *Erasmus Williams*, the then Rector, is as follows.

The Home-stall, containing 126 Rodds. An Orchard of 42 Rodds. Two Gardens, part walled, paled and hedged, of 20 Rodds.

The Parsonage House of 15 Bays, 10 tyled, and 5 thatcht.

A Barn thatcht of 6 large Bays and a Stable of 2 Bays.

A Meadow called *Northam* of 1 Acre 5 Rodds.

A triangular Meadow of 7 Rodds.

A Meadow called *Bull-Hook*, charged with keeping a Bull, of 54 Rodds.

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Fin. Co. *Bucks.* <sup>b</sup> Cart. 31 *Hen. 3* part. 2. Mem. 14. <sup>c</sup> Vide Newcourt's Repertorium, vol. i. p. 622. <sup>d</sup> Patent 35 *Hen. VIII*, part 2.

A Meadow called *Stratford-Homes*, of 91 Rodds, 4 Lots of Meadow in *Northam* Meadow, and 3 Lots of Meadow in *Farum* Meadow. These contain 2 Acres.

	Acres	Rodds
Arable in the East-Field	10	: 130
In the middle Field	20	: 100
In the West Field	10	: 80

Four Tenements or Cottages in the middle of the Town belong to the Rector, containing 100 Rodds.

Here is a good arch'd Gate-House, leading into the Rectory House, built, as supposed, by Bishop *William Wickbam*, the Donor of it to *New College*; who is said to have designed it as a retiring Place to his Students in Times of Pestilence and Sicknefs in his College.

Here is a Charity of 5*l. per Annum* distributed to the Poor; it arises from the Rents of a Close in *Barton*, purchased about the Year 1687, by Monies given by Mr. *Charles Longland*, of about 130*l.* for that Purpose.

King *Hen. III.* Anno 1246, in the 31st Year of his Reign, as aforesaid, granted to *Theobald de Englesbevill*, who held this Manor for his Life of the Monks of *Roan*, a weekly Market on the *Tuesday*, by the following Charter:

“ Rex Archiepiscopis, &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod concessimus pro Nobis  
 “ et Heredibus nostris *Theobaldo de Englesbevill*, quod in Manerio de  
 “ *Tingwick* habeat quoddam Mercatum singulis Septimanis per Diem  
 “ *Martis*, nisi Mercatum illud sit ad nocumentum vicinorum Merca-  
 “ torum, &c. Teste *R. de Clare*, Com. *Glocest.* et *Hertf.* Dat. apud  
 “ Manerium nostrum de *Claundon*, 10 Die *Decembris*.”

The Church here, which is dedicated to *St. Mary Magdalen*, has a Nave or Body, and North Ile, which are leaded, and Chancel which is tyled; at the West End is an embattled Tower, in which hang 5 modern Bells.

The Chancel, Tower, and Part of the South-side of the Nave, are of good Workmanship, and seem to have been of *William Wickbam's* the Patron's building in *Ric. II'd's* Time. Here is also a Clock.

There is in the Church only this on a Grave-stone,

“ Here lyeth the Body of *William Perkins*. He was a loving Father,  
 “ true to the Church, and a Friend to his Country. He was buried  
 “ *March 11, 1712*; aged 67 Years.”

But here was formerly in a South Window, the Portraiture of a Priest kneeling, and under him this written, *Jobes Coke*; and over him *St Catherine* with her Wheel; and in a Label from the Priest's Mouth, *Sancta Catharina*; but this is broke.

On a Brass affixed to the East Wall of the Chancel, is the Portraiture of a Man in a Gown in a praying Posture, betwixt two Pillars; at the Bottom of one of them this inscribed, *I have made thee an Iron Pillar*, Jer. i. 18. Afterwards this, *I will endeavour to that which is before*. Upon the Top of the Pillar is a Globe, upon the Globe, *Oh my Hope, Oh my Fortrefs*, Psalm xci. Over this is the Holy Ghost, represented by a Dove, round it, *Ye are now Light in the Lord*. Over this the Sun and a Rainbow, by the Sun, *By the Day the Sun is come, by the Moon the Night is past*; under the Rainbow, *Our Conversation is in Heaven*. Under this an Angel blowing a Trumpet; upon a Label from the Trumpet, *Arise ye Dead and come to Judgment*. Upon the Top of the other Pillar is an Owl, over it, *But ye were in Darkness*, Ephes. v. Upon the Top of this Pillar hang on one Side, Astronomical and Musical Instruments, Painting Utensils, Geometrical Instruments, and the nine Muses, with the Alphabet on the other Side; several Books, on one of them *Ptolemy*, on another *Livy*, on others *Pliny*, *Virgil*, *Aristotle*, and *Cicero*. At the Bottom of this Pillar is *Lot's Wife*; over her, *Remember Lot's Wife*. Under the Man, towards the first Pillar, *In plain Obedience of the Spirit*. Towards the second Pillar, *Not in the enticing Speech of Man's Wisdom*, 1 Cor. ii. and iv. Under all these Verses,

“ This doth *Aerasmus Williams* represent,  
 “ Whom living all did love, dead, all lament;  
 “ His humane Arts behind his Back attend  
 “ Whereon spare Hours, he wisely chose to spend;  
 “ And from *Corinthian* Columns deckt with Arts,  
 “ Now to the Temple's Pillar he converts.  
 “ Under the Rainbow Arch of Promise, where  
 “ Of hoped Bliss, no Deluge he needs fear.  
 “ He of this Church did a firm Pillar live,  
 “ T' whom dead his Wife doth these Pillars give.  
 “ Continued by his Scholar and his Friend,  
 “ Who wish'd their Loves and Lives had had one End:  
 “ *Aerasmus More's* Encomium set forth;  
 “ We want a *More* to praise *Aerasmus' Worth*.”

“ Of the Line of Sir *John Williams*, of *Dorsetshire*; and by the Mother of  
 “ the House of Sir *William Barowe*, of *Hampshire*. He died *March 30*,  
 “ *Anno 1608*, *Ætatis suæ 58*.”

Against the North Wall a black and white Marble Compartment, thereon this Inscription,

*The Righteous shall be had in everlasting Remembrance*, Psalm cxii.

Near this Place lyeth

The Body of *Thomas Oldys*, L.L. B.  
 Sometime Fellow of New College;  
 The worthy Rector of this Church,  
 And of *Tadmarton* in *Oxfordshire*;

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Who

Who departed this Life

*July 10, A. D. 1720.*

He was Son of

*William Oldys, D. D.*

Vicar of *Adderbury.*

“ Out of sincere Love and Affection to him his second Wife *Elizabeth*,  
 “ Daughter of *John Brook*, of *Twysford*, in this County, Gent. caused  
 “ this Monument to be erected.

*The Memory of the Just is blessed.*

At the Bottom these Arms, *Azure, a Chevron Argent between 3 Garbs,*  
*Or.*

Against the said North Wall, on a black Marble Compartment, set in  
 Free-stone, this

H. S. E.

*Anna Oldys, Uxor Thom. Oldys, LL. B.*

Et hujus Eccl. Rectoris ; Filia *Rob. Loggin*,

In Com. *Gloucester*, Armigeri,

Quæ ter infra triduum Parens nimis Laboris,

Tedio oppressa decubuit.

“ Earth, thou hast added to thy native Store,  
 “ Of shining Ore and precious Dust,  
 “ Ten thousand millions and more,  
 “ Since this has been committed to thy Trust ;  
 “ For here lye all those Treasures of the Mind  
 “ Which beautify'd the Actions of Mankind :  
 “ All that by pious, chaste, and just, and good,  
 “ Here are express'd or to be understood :  
 “ And if those Virtues which Mankind does own,  
 “ Should leave the World, as some rare Arts have done,  
 “ Here they may all be found laid up in one.”

*Posuit Tho. Oldys, infelicitissimus Annæ prædictæ,*

*Qui huic infra Pulveri Animum dilecti Corpus*

*Suum immiscendum devovit, Anno Salutis*

*Humanæ 1696, redditque, Anno*

On a Grave Stone,

“ Hic jacet Corpus Magistri *Lanceloti Bland*, Rectoris hujus Ecclesiæ,  
 “ qui obiit *Aprilis* Die septimo, 1690.”

The Parish Register begins *Anno 1560*, but has nothing memorable  
 in it.

But

But I come now to the List of the Rectors which I shall exhibit from the Registers of *Lincoln*.

## TINGWICK RECTORES.

*Geffry de Castro Rotbomago* is the first I meet with in the Registers of *Lincoln*. He resigned it, *A. D.* 1276, and was succeeded by

*William Eton* 11 *Cal. Sept.* 1276, on the Presentation of the Monastery of *St. Catherine de Monte Rotbomagi*.

*Robert* is the next, on whose Death, *Anno* 1303,

*William Reloud* alias *Iburnat* was instituted 2 *Id. June*, 1303, on the Presentation of the Prior of *Hermansworth*, in *Middlesex*, who was the Procurator of *Roan* Convent.

*Walter de Bray* succeeded on the Resignation of *William Iburnat*, on the said Title, and was instituted 6 *Non. Julii*, 1314, as was

*John de Walliford* on the said Title 3 *Id. Nov.* 1318, on *Bray's* Resignation.

*Robert de Walton* was instituted 6 *Id. April*, 1361, on the Death of *John Walliford*, on the Presentation of the Prior of *Hermansworth*.

*Hugh de Derbam* was instituted 7 *Cal. Dec.* 1375, on the Death of *Robert de Walton*, on King *Edw. III*'s Presentation on Account of his having taken the Temporalities of foreign Monasteries into his Hands.

*John Greene*, A. M. was instituted, *May* 23, 1415, on the Death of *Hugh Derbam*, on the Presentation of the Warden, Fellows, and Scholars of *St. Mary Winton* College in *Oxford*.

*Robert Tomlyn* succeeded *A. D.* 1420, as did

*Nicholas Ofelbury*, A. M. 1440. He died *Anno* 1453, being also Warden of *New-College*, and was buried in that College Chapel, and succeeded by

*Thomas Chalk*, instituted *July* 16, 1453, on whose Death

*Thomas Dale*, A. M. became instituted *Sept.* 8, 1473, as was

*Edward Rope*, A. M. *March* 19, 1501, on the Death of *Thomas Dale*.

*Thomas Makytt* or *Makyll*, LL. B. succeeded 1509.

*Alexander Belsyre*, A. M. was instituted *April* 30, 1540, on *Makytt's* Resignation; he was also Canon of *Christ Church Oxford*, and made, *Anno* 1555, the first President of *St. John's College, Oxon*, but deprived of his Preferments by Queen *Elizabeth*. After him I meet with

*William Adde*, who in his Will, dated 1557, styles himself Parson of *Tingwick*; and orders his Body to be buried in *Tingwick* Chancel. I also meet with.

*William Dalby*, A. M. called 1559, Parson of *Tingwick*, but it is plain that

*John Longland*, A. B. made by his Kinsman, Bishop *Longland*, Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, 1544, became instituted 1559; but being made also Rector of *Great-Linford*, he seems to have taken out a second Institution 1576. He died and was buried here Nov. 7, 1589, and succeeded by

*Aerasmus Williams*, B. D. 1589. He died March 30, 1608, and was buried here, and succeeded by

*John Urry*, A. M. instituted May 18, 1608, on *Aerasmus Williams's* Death. He quitted it in the great Rebellion.

*John Good*, S. T. B. took it 1645, to whom succeeded

*John Beesley*, A. M. 1647, who was forced to leave it 1650, when

*Stephen Sedgwick* intruded, and calls himself Rector, as does,

*John Johnson*, 1657, but they were obliged to give Way to the aforesaid

*John Beesley*, who became repossessed 1660. He died and was buried here, Feb. 27, 1668.

*Thomas Edmonds*, A. M. was instituted May 5, 1669, on the Death of *Beesley*. He died the same Year, and was succeeded by

*Stephen Penton*, A. M. instituted March 9, 1669. This worthy and learned Man, who was Prebendary of *Rippon*, and Rector of *Watb*, Co. *York*, died Oct. 18, 1706, aged 67, and was buried at *Watb*. He resigned this in Exchange for the Principallship of *Edmond Hall*, in *Oxford*, to which he was a very great Benefactor; he was succeeded here by

*Lancelot Bland*, A. M. instituted June 26, 1676, on *Penton's* Resignation. He died and was buried here April 17, 1690, and succeeded by

*Thomas Oldys*, LL. B. instituted 1690. He died and was buried here July 13, 1720, and succeeded by.

*Francis Edmonds*, A. M. the present worthy Rector, 1735, instituted Dec. 24, 1720; who has greatly adorned the Chancel, and made an handsome cov'd Cieling, and laid out considerably on the Parsonage-House, and other Buildings here, and is daily doing several Acts of Charity in the Parish.

## T U R W E S T O N,

**T**HAT is the *West Tower Town*: It was surveyed in *Doomsday-Book* as follows:

*In Stodfield Hundred.*

Willhelmus de Felgeres tenet Turweston. Pro v Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. Præterbas v Hidas. In Dominio sunt iii Carucatae Terræ, et ibi una Carucata et adhuc ii possunt fieri. Et vi Villani cum iv Bordariis, habent ibi v Carucatas. Ibi iv Servi, et i Molendinum de 7s. 6d. Pratum viii Carucatarum. In totis Valenciis valet et valuit iv Libras. Tempore Regis Edwardi . . . tenuit et vendere potuit.

*William de Felgeres holds Turweston.* It was taxed at five Hides. The Arable is eight Carucates, besides these five Hides. There are three Carucates in Demesne, and there is one Carucate and two more can be made. There are six Copyholders, and four Cottagers. They have five Carucates. There are four Servants, and a Mill of 7s. 6d. Value, and Meadow for eight Carucates. In the whole it is worth 4*l.* In King *Edward's* Time . . . held it, and could sell it.

This Family of the *Felgeres* were of *Norman* Extraction, and great Benefactors of Lands to several religious Houses in *Normandy*. However they retained considerable Possessions in *England* till the Reign of *Hen. II.*, when *Ralph de Felgeres* rebelling against that King, and aiding his Sons against him, had his Lands taken away. In *Carte's History of England* we meet with this Account of the *Felgeres's* Family, which I shall here give in that elaborate Author's Words:

"King *Richard* the First continued all in their Posts that had been faithful to their late Master, discarding those who deserting his Father's Service had adhered to him in his Rebellion, whether *Ecclesiasticks* or *Lay-men*, he turned them out of his Court, and hated for ever after, not thinking them likely to be more faithful to himself than they had been to his Father: And when *Guy Delaval* the younger, *Ralph de Felgeres*, and *Judwael de Magore* demanded to be restored to their Castles (which had been seized by *Henry*) in Recompence for their Services to him in his last Revolt, he did indeed put them in Possession thereof, according to his Convention with them, but turned them out again the next Day; saying, that such as deserted their Lords and assisted others against them, deserved only to be rewarded in this Manner."

And that this Estate was thus taken away seems plain, for *Anno 1219* I meet with this Return of it; viz. 2 *Hen. III.*, "*Quod Humfridus de Stovill tenet totam Villatam de Turweston de la Zouche;*" and I also find in this King's Time



Time, *Anno* 1273, that *Emma*, Mother to *William Baynel*, of *Sbalston*, was styled *Domina de Turweston*<sup>b</sup>. But in the next Reign, *viz. Tempore Edw. I.*, it being escheated to the Crown, was, with other Manors, *viz. Bridbrook* in *Essex*, and *Westerham* and *Elmebridge* in *Kent*, *Knowle* and *Graftons-Arden*, and other Lands in *Warwickshire*, given by King *Edw. I.*, by Charter dated *Oct. 25, 1291*<sup>c</sup>, *Anno Regni* 20, to *Westminster-Abbey*, in which Donation the King grants to that Convent *Totum Manerium de Turweston cum pertinentiis, una cum Advocatione Ecclesiæ*, upon Condition that the Abbot, the Prior, and Convent of that House, or the Prior and Convent (if the Abbot should be out of the Way<sup>d</sup>) upon the Eve of *St. Andrew* the Apostle, on which Day the said Queen's Anniversary had used to be kept, "being solemnly revested in the Quire of that Monastery, should sing a *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with nine Lessons, and Wax Candles weighing 12lb. a Piece, being then burning about her Tomb, and every Year have new ones made for that Purpose. And furthermore that those Wax-Candles should be lighted at the *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Eve of the same Anniversary, and burn on the Day thereof, till high Mass was ended; and that all the Bells both great and small then ringing, they should sing solemnly for her Soul's Health. And moreover that on the Day of her said Anniversary, the Abbot himself in Case he was present, or the Prior in his stead, if he could not procure a more eminent Prelate, should sing Mass at the high Altar, the Candles then burning and Bells ringing, and every single Monk of that Abbey should say a private Mass; the inferior Monks their whole Psalter, and the Friars Converts of that House the *Lord's Prayer*, *Creed*, and *Aves* as many as the Abbot and Convent should appoint, for her Soul and the Souls of all the Faithful deceased. And that likewise the said Prior and Convent, and their Successors, on the same Day do distribute unto every poor Body repairing to that Monastery One Penny Sterling, or Money to that Value, staying till Three of the Clock, expecting their Coming before they should begin their Dole, which should be unto seven score poor People. And that of the waxen Tapers as before specified, thirty to remain all the Year long about the said Queen's Tomb till the renewing of them on the Day of her Anniversary; all which to be lighted upon the great festival Days, and upon the coming of any Noblemen thither, and as often else as they should see fit. And moreover, that the said Abbot, Prior, and Convent, and their Successors, should find two waxen Lights, each of them weighing 2lb. of Wax, to burn continually at the Tomb of the said Queen. All which being performed, the Surplusage of the said Revenue issuing out of these Lands, to remain for their Pittances, to be provided according as themselves should best like. And for the more strict Observance hereof, every Abbot successively, before the Restitution of his Temporalities, to make a solemn Oath for Observance of the Premises. And that every Year, upon *St. Andrew's Eve*, the said King's Charter should be publickly read in the Chapter-House in the Presence

<sup>b</sup> Testa de *Newill*. <sup>c</sup> *Pryn's Collections*, tom iii. p. 458. <sup>d</sup> Vide *Dugdale's Warwickshire*, 1st Edition, p. 701.

" of the whole Convent:" which Charter bears Date at *Berwick upon Tweede*, *Oct.* 25, 20 *Edw.* I, 1291, as aforesaid.

Whereby this Manor being thus antiently bestowed on the Church of *Westminster*, has continued Part of the Possessions and Endowment thereof in all its Changes and Alterations whatsoever ever since; and so both Manor and Advowson now remain at this Day, *Anno* 1735, Part of the Revenues of the Collegiate Church of *Westminster*.

This Parish is bounded West by *Brackley*; North by *Whitfield*, Co. *Northampton*; and *Bittleston*; East by *Westbury* Co. *Buckingham*; South by *Imley*, Co. *Northampton*; and contains about 1000 Acres. It is assessed to the Land-Tax 8 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and the Number of Families is about 34, and Souls 190, as was computed, *Anno* 1712.

The Register begins but *Anno* 1695, the old one being destroyed; it was, as I am told, borrowed about a Law Suit, and torn to Pieces; it was in Paper.

The Rectory was valued *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, at 12 Marks, when the Abbot of *Egnesham* had a Pension out of it of 4 *s.* The Abbot of *Bittleston* had in Temporalities here 1 *l.* 2 *s.* In 1534, 25 *Hen.* VIII, it was charged for first Fruits at 12 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.* and is reputed to be of the Value of 120 *l.* per Annum.

Here is built a good Manor-House near the Church, by the Family of the *Heynes*, who were Lessee-Tenants in Queen *Elizabeth's* Time to the Church of *Westminster*. This being rented by the Lord Viscount *Hillsborough*, occasioned the Author of the *Irish Compendium* to insert it as his Lordship's Family Seat, *Anno* 1722.

The Church here, which is dedicated to the Honour of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (and has a Feast kept the Sunday after *August* 15) consists of a Body and South Ile, which are leaded; and North Ile and Chancel, which are tyled. At the West End is a mean low Tower, covered with a sloping leaded Roof, in which hang two little Bells, cast *Anno* 1626. Length of the Church and Chancel about 70 Feet. Breadth of the Body and Side Iles 38 Feet. Here is no painted Glass except some Remains of a Crucifix in the East Window of the Chancel.

There are these Monuments in it, *viz.* On the North Side of the Chancel under an Arch was the Effigies of a Man, and near it lies an antient Grave-stone, thereon was the Portrait of a Priest, and an Inscription, which are torn off, I presume; it was for *John Tate*, who died Rector here, *Anno* 1497, 12 *Hen.* VII.

In the middle of the Church is another antient Gravestone, whereon was the Portrait of a Man in Brass, between his two Wives; and under them on a Brass Plate this,

*Orate pro Animabus Thome Grene, Johanne, et Margarete, Uxoribus ejus. Quorum Animabus propicietur Deus. Amen.*

No Date, but I suppose they lived *Tempore, Hen. VI.*

On other Gravestones lying near it,

“ Mrs. *Mary Harris* was buried *Aug. 1, 1703.*”

“ Mr. *George Harris* was buried *Sept. 1, 1708.*”

In the South Ile is a Monument infixed in the Wall, thereon a Man and Woman kneeling at a Desk, at the Top these Arms, *viz.*

*Or, a Chevron between 3 Darts sable, on a Chief Crenelle of the second, 3 Stars of the first, on the Chevron a Crescent.*

Under these Arms this Inscription,

“ *Simon Heynes, Esq;* departed this Life, the 19th Day of *April, 1628.*”

“ Birth, Breeding, Fortune, nor the Length of Days,

“ Can ransom Man from Death this Statue says :

“ By Birth *Esquire*, by Breeding Inns of Court

“ And University can make Report,

“ How *Symon Heynes* was qualify'd, and eke

“ The Country of his Fortune well can speak ;

“ Whom fourscore Years Experience taught to see,

“ Good Works excepted, all's but Vanity :

“ These therefore he prepar'd and left behind him,

“ Yet i' th' Place he's gone to, he'll surely find them :

“ Then shed a Tear for Love, but do not grieve

“ For he that liv'd to dye, doth dye to live.”

On a black Marble Tablet set in the Wall this,

“ *Piæ Memorizæ sacrum optimæ Spei Juvenis Gulielmi Harris, Filii natu*

“ *maximi Georgii Harris, Generosi, et Aliciæ Uxoris ejus, de Turston,*

“ *in Agro Bucks. Qui in Vicino Ludo Brackliensi Literarum Tyrocinia*

“ *primo posuit; mox in Collegium Divæ Magdalene apud Oxonienses*

“ *cooptatus, post quadriennium Studiis Academicis feliciter locatum,*

“ *cum illum Gradus jamjam expectaret Honores hic propè meritos,*

“ *Hæsticæ Febris Vi tacite gliscente correptus (nec enim alio quam*

“ *Pietatis ardore inflammari visus est, nec seipsum nisi a solo Deo in-*

“ *calefcere sensit) Cœlestibus commutavit.*

“ *Natus 31 Maii, A.D. MDCLIII, obiit Decembris, A.D. MDCLXXIV.*

“ *Ætatis suæ 21.*

“ *Paucos adeo numeravit Annos, sed in Illis multos; quippe Pietate, et*

“ *Virtute, et Eruditione adolevit dudum, senuitque, omnibus, Ætatem*

“ *si*

“ si excipias, Coelis maturus. Erga superiores observans et modestus;  
 “ inter æquales comes facilisque; hos devinxit, demeruit illos; omni-  
 “ bus gratus, et plusquam Parentum Desiderium. Terris utcunque et  
 “ longiore Die digno Cælos quid invidemus? Quid querimur miramur-  
 “ ve cursum brevi absolvissè, cum melius cæteris cucurrerit, cum  
 “ fortius?

“ Pater et Mater moerentes posuere.

On another ordinary black Marble, set by the last in the Wall,  
 this likewise,

M. S.

“ Desideratissimi Juvenis *Georgii*, Filii natu minimi *Georgii Harris*, Gene-  
 “ rosi, et *Alicia* Uxoris ejus, de *Turweston* in Agro *Bucks*; cujus im-  
 “ primis Tyrocinio Vicus *Bistoriensis* in Agro *Oxonienfi*, deinde Ludus  
 “ *Witneienfi* in eodem Agro largè imbibenti Litteras indulgit; qui A-  
 “ cademiæ *Oxon* magnâ cum spe maturum tandem commisit; ubi pri-  
 “ mum *Aula Divi Magdalena* plurima continuè promittentem accepit,  
 “ et per spatium plus minus unius Anni ibi commoratum Collegio *Mer-*  
 “ *tonenfi* invitè resignavit. Hic quanta excidistis expectatione, *Mertonen-*  
 “ *ses*? Per duos Annos studentem, Cruciata per lævam primum Tibiam,  
 “ postea per totum Corpus sæviante, inter Preces Anima deseruit. Na-  
 “ tus 7 Die *Februarii*, MDCLXVII, obiit 19 *Maii*, MDCLXXXIX.  
 “ Benè, O *Georgi*, juxta Fratrem Reliquias posuisti, qui sic Fratrem An-  
 “ nis Virtute et Amore, ut post dubitet sequi quisquam, insecutus es.  
 “ Hos scilicet ordinavit, non Sortis calculus, at Deus. Hoc scilicet com-  
 “ meruit eadem Pietas, idem Candor, Doctrina et Ingenium, quæ ubivis  
 “ oberravit, singularis Modestia; par felix, qui vosmet ipsos invicem  
 “ laudatis, præter quos potest nemo. Sciamus igitur, ex duplo hoc ac  
 “ brevi nimis exemplo, hos Cœlos semper arripere, queis forsan super-  
 “ biat Terra.

Terrier, Anno 1634, 9 Car. I. *Thomas Philpot*, Rector. The Dwelling  
 House thatcht, three Bays; a Barn, four Bays; a Stable, two Bays; a  
 Cow-House, two Bays; a malting, four Bays; a Barn, three Bays; all  
 thatcht.

A Close and Orchard of one Acre. Sixty-two Ridges in the North Field,  
 fifty-four Ridges in the middle Field, thirty-two Ridges in the far Field, two  
 Acres and a half of Meadow in the North Field, two Acres and a half in the  
 middle Field, and three Acres and a half in the far Field. Total of Arable  
 Lands Ridges one hundred and forty-eight, and of Meadow eight Acres. In  
 all fifty-eight Acres.

There is a very long Terrier at *Buckden*, which was given in Anno 1601,  
 43 Eliz. by *John Paddy* the then Rector.

TURWESTON RECTORS, ex Regiftris *Lincoln.*

*David*, Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, *Tempore Hen. II.* (made by that King High Sheriff of *Buckingham* and *Bedfordshire*, *Anno 1170*, 16 *Hen. II.*) was Rector here, and he then set forth, that his Church of *Turweston* had no Share in two Parts of the Tythes; I suppose the Rest being given to *Fenger* Monastery, in *Normandy*, by the Patrons the *Fulgeris*. This is remarked in *Dr. Hutton*, Rector of *Aynbo's* Collections; Witness to this Attestation was *William*, Prior of *Luffield*, who occurs Prior between the Years 1151, 16 *Stephen*, and 1175, 21 *Hen. II.*

*Ralph de St. German* was instituted Rector here, *Anno 1243*, 27 *Hen. II.*, on the Presentation of Sir *Humfry Stovill*, Knight.

*Humfry de Stovill*, Sub-deacon was instituted 17 *Cal. Julii*, *Anno 1271*, 55 *Hen. III.*, on the Presentation of the Lady *Emma de Turweston*, on the Death of *Ralph* last Rector.

All the the following Rectors were presented by the Church of *Westminster*, or their Lessee-Tenants. The first of these was

*Robert Gastelyn*, presented *Anno 1307*, 35 *Edw. I.*, by *Westminster* Convent. He occurs *Anno 1320*, 13 *Edw. I.*

*John de Brakeley* was instituted 3 *Id. or Cal. Aug.* *Anno 1331*, 5 *Edw. III.*, on the Presentation of *Thomas*, Prior of *Westminster*. He exchanged it for *Mersh*, with *Robert de Warringdon*, *Id. March*, *Anno 1335*, 9 *Edw. III.*

*William de Weston* was instituted, 2 *Non. Julii*, *Anno 1349*, on the Death of the last Rector not named.

*John Style* exchanged it for *Adstock* Rectory with

*William de Northburgh* *OEt. 8*, *Anno 1335*, 49 *Edw. III.*

*William Gregby* exchanged it for *Leighton Bosard* Vicaridge, with

*Thomas de Foxton*, *OEt. 27*, 1379. He exchanged it for *Church Lawford*, *Co. Warwick*, with

*William Swafeld*, *July 27*, *Anno 1386*. He exchanged it for *Marston-Laurence*, *Co. Northampton*, with

*John Aley*, 25 *Feb.* *Anno 1393*. He exchanged it the next Year with

*Thomas Herve*, *Dec. 4*, *Anno 1394*, 17 *Ric. II.*, after him occurs

*Thomas Pitchley*, who died Rector here, *Anno 1405*, 6 *Hen. IV.*, and was succeeded by

*John Barner* instituted *OEt. 12*, *Anno 1405*, 6 *Hen. IV.*; the next I meet with is

*Robert Locker*, on whose Resignation, *Anno 1453*, 31 *Hen. VI.*,

*William Beaufort* became instituted *Sept. 18*, *Anno 1453*. The next was

*William Crosby*, on whose Death, *Anno 1469*,

*John Cottisford* became instituted *March 1*, *Anno 1469*, 9 *Edw. IV.* He resigned *Anno 1474*, and was succeeded by

*Thomas*

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*Thomas Smith*, instituted Dec. 20, 1474, 14 *Edw.* IV. He resigned it Anno 1475, and was succeeded by

*John Tate*, instituted Oct. 15, 1475. He died Anno 1497, 12 *Hen.* VII, and was buried here in the Chancel; though his Epitaph on a Brass-Plate is reeved off the Stone.

*John Harris* succeeded June 22, Anno 1492. On *Tate's* Death.

*Thomas Hull* succeeded Nov. 8, Anno 1502, 17 *Hen.* VII, on *Harris's* Resignation.

*Thomas Marshall*, A. M. Archdeacon of *Lincoln*, succeeded 30 April, 1529, on *Hall's* Resignation; and is the last presented by the Convent of *Westminster*, in their own Names. He died 1559, being also Rector of *Bugbrook Co. Northampton*; where he willed to be buried, and bequeathed 40 Marks to *Robert Isles* his Curate at *Turweston*.

*John Whiteney* or *Witney*, succeeded June 7, Anno 1560, on the Death of *Marshall*, on the Presentation of *Joan Meye*, Lessee to *Westminster* Abbey; her Husband, as seems to me, had been a Prebendary of *Westminster*.

*John Paddy*, A. B. was presented Sept. 3, Anno 1567, by *Thomas Tate*, LL. B. and *Joan* his Wife; I presume *Joan Meye*, whom he had married.

*Hugh Yarwood* was instituted Mar. 3, Anno 1603, on the Presentation of *Simon Heynes*, Gent. whose Father was a Prebendary of *Westminster*. On the Death of *John Paddy*

*William Wrigglesworth* was instituted Mar. 12, Anno 1610, on the Presentation of *Simon Heynes*, Lessee-Tenant to *Westminster*.

*Thomas Philpot* succeeded Anno 1632, on the Presentation of *Amias Heynes*. But Anno 1648, one

*Josias Bunn* intruded, and calls himself Rector, Anno 1651; however

*Thomas Philpot*, D. D. became restored Anno 1660, and died Rector here and of *Akeley*, and was buried at *Akeley*, Anno 1671. While he was Rector here he printed a Sermon, which is thus entitled, *Adieu to the Duke of Gloucester*, preached in a poor Parish Church of *Turweston*, near *Buckingham*, 1660; by *Thomas Philpot*, Rector of *Turweston*, D. D.

*Edmund Major*, A. M. succeeded, being presented July 1, Anno 1671. He died and was buried at *Preston*; and succeeded by

*Charles James*, S. T. P. Prebendary of *Westminster*, instituted Nov. 17, Anno 1685, on *Major's* Death. He died May 15, 1695, and was buried at *Bath* Abbey, and succeeded by

*James Sartree*, instituted June 24, 1696. He died in Sept. Anno 1713, and was buried in *Westminster*-Abbey, where he was Prebendary, and succeeded by

*Lawrence Broderick*, S. T. P. Prebendary also of *Westminster*, instituted Jan. 21. Anno 1713, who is the present Rector, Anno 1735.

## T W Y F O R D,

**I**N Latin *duplex Vadum*, or the Place where are two Fords: It is thus surveyed in *Doomsday-Book*:

*Terra Radulfi de Felgeres, in Lamua Hundred.*

Radulfus de Felgeres tenet Tueverde pro xviii Hidas. Terra est xvii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt vi Hidae et ibi sunt iii Carucatae, et adhuc ii possunt fieri. Ibi ix Servi. Pratum iii Carucatarum. Silva c Porcorum. In totis Valentiis valet 10 l. quando recepit 8 l. Tempore Regis Edwardi 12 l.

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Goda Comitissa, et ibi quidam Homo Heraldici Comitis habuit iii Hidas, pro i Manerio, et vendere potuit.*

*Ralf de Felgeres holds Twyford for xvii Hides. The Arable is xviii Carucates, vi are in Demesne, and there are iii Carucates and two more can be made out. There are nine Servants. Meadow for three Carucates. Mast for an hundred Hogs. In the whole it is worth 10 l. when he received 8 l. In King Edward's Time 12 l.*

*Goda the Countess held this Manor, and Earl Harold's Tenant had three Hides, which he held for one Manor, and could sell it.*

This Family of *Felgeres*, as spoken of in *Turweston*, being *Normans*, and coming over with *William* the Conqueror, notwithstanding they acquired several Possessions in these Parts, I presume they did not keep them long: They seem to have been succeeded *Anno* 1160, 6 *Hen. II.*, in some of their Possessions, by *Walter Giffard*, Earl of *Buckingham*; and so probably this Manor, came as that of *Marsh* had done to *Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*, as Heir to *Walter Giffard*. In some old Charters *sans Date*<sup>b</sup>, I find that *Margery* or *Margaret* Countess of *Pembroke* held this Manor; and that *Walter Marshall* had it given him by the King, I suppose *Hen. II.*, on the Forfeiture of *Ralph de Felgeres*, Heir to the aforesaid *Ralph*.

But in *Henry* the III<sup>d</sup>'s Reign, *Anno Regni* 31, 1246, *Ralph Fitz-Nicholas*<sup>c</sup> is returned to hold *Twyford* with two Knights Fees. This *Ralph* obtained *Anno* 1251, 35 *Hen. III*<sup>d</sup>, a Grant of a Fair at his Manor of *Twyford*.

A younger Son of this *Ralph Fitz-Nicholas*, as we are told in *Dugdale's Baronage*, vol. ii. p. 8. was *Ralph Pipard*, Steward of the Hawks to *Hen. III.*, who having married the Heir of *Robert Fitz-Williams*, received Summons to Parliament, and dying *Anno* 1309, or 1310, was succeeded by

<sup>b</sup> Ex Cart Antiq. Temp. Hen. II. <sup>c</sup> Testa de Nevill. <sup>d</sup> Claus. 33 and 35 Hen. III.

*John* his Son and Heir, who died *Anno* 1322, 15 *Edw.* II; but as he received no Summons to Parliament, our Author takes no further Notice of him.

From the *Pipards* this Estate passed in Marriage with their Daughter and Heir to the *Botelers*, Earls of *Ormond*, who enjoyed this Manor in *Edw.* III, *Ric.* II, and *Hen.* IVth's Time: And of this Family (as it appears) it was that the *Giffard's* held it, even in *Edw.* III's Reign, and so being seated here antiently, Sir *John Giffard*, Knight, about the Year 1340, 14 *Edw.* III, (as I find it in the Registers of *Lincoln*) obtained Licence from the Bishop to have an Oratory at his Manor of *Twyford*, as it is there called.

However it is certain that notwithstanding *Giffard* is so entitled, that the *Botelers* were Lords here, for about *Anno* 1383, 6 *Ric.* II\*, *John Boteler*, Earl of *Ormond*, died possessed of *Twyford* Manor, as did *James Butler*, *Anno* 1406, 7 *Hen.* IV, tho' the *Giffords* nevertheless had great Demesnes here, for *Anno* 1350, 24 *Edw.* III, Sir *John Giffard*, of *Twyford*, Knight, passed a Fine of Lands in *Chanendon*, in this Parish to *John Fitz-John le Franklyn* or *Freeman*<sup>f</sup>; and *Anno* 1395, 18 *Ric.* II, Sir *Thomas Gifford* and *Sibill* his Wife, resided at *Twyford*, as did *Thomas Gifford*, *Tempore Hen.* VI, and *Edw.* IV.

*Anno* 1512, 3 *Hen.* VIII, by an Inquisition taken at the Town of *Bucks* it was returned that *Thomas Giffard* died Oct. 20, that Year, seized of *Twyford* Manor, and 20 Messuages there, and that by *Joan* his Wife, Daughter of *John Langston*, Esq; he left Issue *Thomas*<sup>g</sup>, his Son and Heir, aged 30 Years; which *Thomas Giffard* departing this Life Nov 25, 1550, 4 *Edw.* VI, without Issue Male surviving, this Manor came by Marriage of *Ursula* his Daughter and Heir to *Thomas Wenman*, Esq; who died seized hereof July 22, 1577, 19 *Eliz.* leaving Issue *Richard* his Son and Heir, aged 40, in whose Descendants it now remains; and the Right Honourable *Philip*, Lord Viscount *Wenman*, of *Tuam*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, is the present Lord hereof, *Anno* 1735.

But as a genealogical Account of this honourable Family has been communicated to me since the drawing up of the History of this Parish, I shall (as it is supplemental to what my own Collections furnished) insert it.

“ This antient Family of *Wenman*. (written *Wayneman* and *Weynman* hath been of long Continuance in the Counties of *Oxford* and *Berks*; though we have not sufficient Light to lead us back to its Original. The first of this Name we find mentioned (so as to enable us to continue the Genealogy with Accuracy) was *Henry Wenman*, Esq; of *Blewbury*, in the County of *Berks*; who in the Reign of King *Edw.* IV, 1482, married *Emmota*, Daughter and Heir of *Simkin Harvey*, Esq; of *Herefordshire*, (who after the Death of her first Husband the said *Henry Wenman*, married *Thomas Fermor*, of *Wbltney*, in the County of *Oxford*, Esq;) and had Issue two Sons and three Daughters, viz. *Richard*, *John*, *Alice*, *Ann*, and *Elizabeth*.

\* Vide Escheats. <sup>f</sup> Pades Fin. Co. Backs. <sup>g</sup> Ex Inquisitionibus. <sup>h</sup> Ibid.

*Richard*



*Richard Wenman*, Esq; the eldest Son, who dwelt at *Whitney*, and was Merchant of the Staple at *Calais*, married *Anne*, Daughter of *John Busb*, Esq; of *Northbleach*, in the County of *Gloucester*, by whom he had 2 Sons and 3 Daughters, viz. *Thomas* and *William*; which *William* died August 30, 1521, and was buried at *Whitney*; the Daughters were *Alice*, *Joan*, and *Mary*.

Upon the Death of *Richard* the Father, which happened Anno 1533, *Thomas Wenman*, Esq; his eldest Son, succeeded to the Estate: He was afterwards knighted by Queen *Elizabeth*, and was chosen Member of Parliament for the Town of *Northampton*, 1 *Edw. VI.*, 1547; and for the County of *Oxford*, Anno 1555, the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*; and Anno 1571, 13 *Eliz.* for the Town of *Buckingham*. He married *Ursula*, Daughter and sole Heir of *Thomas Gifford*, of *Twyford*, in the County of *Buckingham*, Esq; who was descended in a right Line from *Walter Gifford*, called also *Walter de Beoffe*, who was created Earl of *Buckingham* and *Pembroke*, and was Son of *Osbert Bulbeck Gifford*, (who came over with *William* the Conqueror) by *Avelin* his Wife, Sister of *Gunnora*, Duchess of *Normandy*, who had also a Daughter named *Roefia*, Wife of *Richard*, Son of *Gilbert*, Lord *Clare*, from whom the Earls of *Gloucester* and *Hertford* descended; and to whom the King of *England* by the Line of *Mortimer* was Heir.

By the Death of her Brethren the Manors of *Twyford*, *Pounden*, and *Chanenden*, descended to this *Ursula*, the Wife of Sir *Thomas Wenman*, who was buried at *Twyford* 1558; by whom he had Issue five Sons and four Daughters, viz. *Richard*, his Successor; *Henry*, who died without Issue; *William*, who represented the County of *Oxford* 39 *Eliz.*, 1597 (and left Issue *Richard*, *Francis*, *Gylet*, *Margaret*, *Mary*, *Elizabeth*, and *Helen*) *Thomas* his fourth Son was by King *Charles* the First made a Captain in the Army; and Anno 1628, Governor of the New Fort, erected at *Cork*; and Anno 1629 Provost-Marshal of the Province of *Munster*, in *Ireland*. He died Anno 1637, aged 86, having made his Will Sept. 3, 1656, in which he constituted *Margaret*, Lady *Aungier* his Wife, sole Executrix. He left Issue *Thomas*, *John*, *Richard*, *Mary*, *Martha*, and *Margaret*: *Gifford*, the fifth Son of Sir *Thomas Wenman*, died young, of his Daughters, *Elizabeth* died unmarried, *Anne* was Wife to *Thomas Fitzherbert*, of *Gatesbury*, Co. *Hertford*, Esq; *Mary* was first Wife to *John Goddard*, of *Castle-Eaton*, in the County of *Wills*, Esq; and afterwards to *Thomas Purefoy* of *Sbalston*, in the County of *Bucks*, Esq; and *Jane* was first married to *James Cressie*, Esq; and secondly to *Thomas Tasburgh*, Esq;

Sir *Richard*, eldest Son and Heir to Sir *Thomas*, who was Sheriff of *Oxfordshire*, 1562, married *Isabel*, Daughter and Coheir of *John Lord Williams* of *Thame*; who was second Son of Sir *John Williams*, of *Burfield*, in *Berkshire*. This Lord *Williams* enjoying several Preferments in the Reigns of King *Henry VIII.*, Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Elizabeth*, acquired considerable Estates, and was April 5, 1554, created Lord *Williams*, of *Thame*. He married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas Bedlow*, Esq; Widow to *Andrew Edmonds*, of *Temple-Cresling*, in *Essex*, Esq; and dying Oct. 19, 1559, was buried with his Wife, at *Thame*; where he had founded a Free-

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School and Alms-house. His Issue were two Daughters, viz. *Isabel* Lady *Wenman*; and *Margaret*, Wife to *Henry Norreys*, created Lord *Norreys*, Anno 1572, whose Grandson by her was created Viscount *Thame*, and Earl of *Berkshire*: But he leaving an only Daughter, viz. *Elizabeth*, Wife to ~~Sir~~ *Edward Wray*, Esq; Son to Sir *William Wray*, of *Glentworth*, in the County of *Lincoln*, Bart. and they having also Issue an only Daughter, named *Bridget*, she became second Wife to *Montague Bertie*, Earl of *Lindsey*; and was Mother to *James* Lord *Norreys*, of *Rycot*, who was in her Right created a Peer, and made Earl of *Abingdon*; and in the Division of the Estate, *Thame* Park, with the Manors thereto belonging, devolved to Lady *Wenman*, and hath continued the chief Seat of this noble Family. By Lady *Isabel* Sir *Richard* had Issue Sir *Thomas*, his Successor; *Henry*, who died young; *Francis*, who married . . . Daughter of *Henry Goodyer*, Esq; of *Baggington*, in *Warwickshire*; he had also 2 Daughters, viz. *Margaret* and *Frances*, who died unmarried. Sir *Richard* died March 9, 1572, and was buried at *Twyford*; on his Death Sir *Thomas* his eldest Son and Heir succeeded, who by *Jane* his Wife, Daughter of *William West*, Lord *Delaware*, had Issue three Sons and one Daughter, viz. *Richard*, *Ferdinand*, *Thomas*, and *Elizabeth*.

Sir *Richard* his eldest Son, who succeeded his Father at *Thame* Park, was honoured with Knighthood 38 Eliz. 1596, for his gallant Behaviour at the taking of *Cadiz*, in *Spain*. He was High-Sheriff of *Oxfordshire*, Anno 1627, and by Letters Patent, dated at *Cahbury*, July 30, 1628, Anno 3 Car. I, was created Baron *Wenman*, of *Kilmaynham*, and Viscount *Wenman*, of *Tuam*, with the annual Creation Fee of 137. 6s. 8d. payable out of the Customs of the Port of *Dublin*. His Lordship married *Agnes*, Daughter of Sir *George Fermour*, of *Easton-Neston*, in the County of *Northampton*, Ancestor to the Earl of *Pomfret*; who died and was buried at *Twyford* July 4, 1617, by whom he had Issue four Sons and four Daughters, viz. *Thomas*, afterwards Lord *Wenman*, *Edward*, who died unmarried, *Philip*, who on the Deaths of his Brother and *Richard* his Brother's Son, became Lord *Wenman*, and *Charles*, who died unmarried. His Daughters were *Penelope*, Wife to Sir *John Dinham*, of *Borstall*; *Jane*, to *Arthur Goodwin*, Esq; Mother to *Philip* Lord *Wharton*; *Dorothy*, who died young; and *Mary*, married to *Martin Lister*, Esq. His Lordship concluding he had a Right to the Barony of *Thame*, by the Marriage of his Grandfather with *Isabel*, the eldest Daughter of Lord *Williams*, as beforementioned, preferred a Petition for it to King *James* the First, 1603, but as it was not at that Time determined, the Title still lies dormant. His Lordship was chosen Member of Parliament for the County of *Oxford*, 18 Jac. I, 1620, and 1 Car. I, 1625. He died in the 67th Year of his Age, Anno 1640, and was buried at *Twyford*.

His Lordship's second Brother *Ferdinand* married *Frances*, Daughter of *William Risley*, of *Cbetwood*, Esq; and his third Brother Sir *Thomas Wenman* was Member of Parliament for *Brackley* in the Years 1620, 1623, 1625, and 1640.

His only Sister *Elizabeth*, was Wife to Sir *Walter Tredway*, of *Beaconsfield*, in the County of *Buckingham*. On his Death, Anno 1640, as afore-

said, *Thomas* the second Lord *Wenman* succeeded: He became one of the Adventurers in *Ireland* when that Kingdom was reduced by the *English*, and subscribing the Sum of 600*l.* had an Allotment of 617 Acres 1 Rodd and 15 Perches Plantation Measure, amounting to 1000 Acres Statute Measure, in the Barony of *Garry Castle* and *King's County*. He represented the County of *Oxford* in the second Parliament of the First Year of King *Charles* the First, and was Member for *Brackley* in that *King's* third Year; and also sat in Parliament from 1640 to 1653 for *Oxfordshire*, and again 1660. And as his Loyalty inclined him to espouse the King's Cause in the Civil Wars, begun 1641; his Lordship took into his House and Family that very great and learned Man Dr. *Setb Ward* after he had been expelled *Sidney College* in *Cambridge*, for his orthodox Principles; who was at the Restauration made the worthy Bishop of *Exeter* and *Salisbury*. His Lordship was appointed by the Parliament one of the Commissioners to carry the Propositions for Peace to the King at *Oxford*, Anno 1644; and was also appointed again so at the Treaty of *Uxbridge* the same Year; and for the Treaty at *Newport*, in the Isle of *Wight*, 1648; and was one of the 41 Members, who were for giving their Votes that the Concessions of his Majesty to the Propositions upon the Treaty of *Newport* were sufficient Grounds for the House to proceed upon, to the Settlement of the Peace of the Kingdom, was seized by the Army, and committed to close Imprisonment. He married *Margaret*, Daughter and Coheir of *Edmund Hampden*, Esq; of *Hartwell*, in the County of *Buckingham*; who died in the 59th Year of her Age, and was buried at *Twysford*, May 1, 1658. His Lordship died Jan. 25, 1664, aged 68, and was buried at *Twysford*; as was his only Son *Richard*, who married *Barbara*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Villers*, Bart. Sister to *William* the first Lord *Grandison*, but died Anno 1646, without Issue. His Lordship's Daughters were, *Frances*, Wife to *Richard Samwell*, Esq; *Margaret* and *Agnes* who died young; *Penelope*, Wife to Sir *Thomas Cave*, of *Stanford*, in *Northamptonshire*, Bart. *Elizabeth*, Wife to Sir *Grevill Verney*; and *Mary*, Wife to Sir *Francis Wenman*, of whom more hereafter.

On Failure of this second Lord *Wenman*, viz. Lord *Thomas's* Issue Male, the Title descended to *Philip*, his only surviving Brother, who married . . . . Daughter of . . . . and had Issue by her an only Daughter, viz. *Mary*, Wife to *William Crofts*, of *Saxham*, Co. *Suffolk*, Esq; who dying without Issue, in the 29th Year of her Age, was buried at *Twysford*, Oct. 29, 1680: As to Lord *Philip* he died April 27, 1686, aged 76, and was buried at *Twysford*: Having on the Death of his Brother and Nephew procured from *Car. II*, in Jan. 1683, a new Entail of the Honour to his next Heir Male in Reversion, with the same Precedency that he himself held it. The Title, as so limited, came thereby to

Sir *Richard Wenman*, the fourth Viscount, Son to Sir *Francis Wenman*, of *Caswell*, Bart. by *Mary* his Wife, youngest Daughter of *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Wenman*; which Sir *Francis* was Grandson of *Francis Wenman*, of *Caswell*, Esq; who was Brother to Sir *Thomas Wenman*, and Uncle to *Thomas* the first Lord Viscount *Wenman*, and Son of Sir *Francis Wenman*, who represented the County of *Oxford* in Parliament in the 15th and 16 Years

of King *Charles I.*, viz. 1640, 1641, in which last Year he died, *June 26*, 1641; and was buried at *Whitney* with his Ancestors, aged 40. He married *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *Samuel Sandys*, of *Ombersley*, in the County of *Worcester*, and had Issue by her *Samuel*, his eldest Son (who, as may be seen in *Lord Clarendon's History*, was slain near *Plymouth*, Anno 1645) *Francis*, his second Son, who died *June 3*, 1665; and a Daughter named *Anne*, Wife to Sir *John Fettiplace*, of *Childrey*, in the County of *Berks*, created a Baronet *March 30*, 1661.

As to Sir *Francis* himself, Father to *Richard*, the fourth Viscount, who on his Father's Death, Anno 1641, succeeded to the Estate, he sat in Parliament Anno 1660, with his Father-in-Law, for *Oxfordshire*, and was on *Nov. 29*, 1662, created a Baronet; and having on *July 4*, Anno 1651, married the aforesaid Lady, viz. *Mary*, youngest Daughter of *Thomas*, the 2d Lord *Wenman*, (by which Match the two Families of *Thame Park* and *Caswell* became united;) had Issue by her a Daughter, named *Elizabeth*, who died unmarried 1680; and four Sons, viz. *Richard*, his Successor; *Thomas* and *Francis*, who died young; and *Ferdinando*, who died *April 5*, 1671, and was buried at *Twyford*. His first Wife the aforesaid Lady *Mary* departing this Life, *Nov. 13*, 1657, was buried under a Marble Monument at *Whitney*, in a Chapel, called *Wenman's Chapel*; where were two or three old Grave-stones with Brasses on them for Persons interred here of this Name and Family, in *Hen. VIIIth's* Time.

On her Death Sir *Francis* married to his second Wife, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Edward Fettiplace*, of *Swinbrook*, Esq; who died 1679, by whom he had two Sons, viz. *Lorenzo* and *Philip*, who died unmarried; and two Daughters, viz. *Dozeliza*, Wife of *Richard Smith*, Esq; and *Mary*, Wife of *Gabriel Roberts*, Esq. But I come now to speak of his eldest Son and Successor, viz.

Sir *Richard*, who Anno 1686, succeeded to the Title of Lord Viscount *Wenman*, as he had done to that of Baronet on the Death of his Father, who died *Sept. 1*, 1680. He was chosen Member of Parliament for *Brackley* 1681, 1685, and 1688. He married *Catherine*, eldest Daughter and Coheir to Sir *Thomas Chamberlayne*, of *Wickham* and *Northbrook*, in the County of *Oxford*, Baronet, which Sir *Thomas* was Grandson to Sir *Thomas Chamberlayne*, who was an Ambassador in the Reigns of *Hen. VIII*, *Edw. VI*, *Q. Mary*, and *Eliz.* and descended from the antient Counts of *Tankerville*, in *Normandy*, who came into *England* with the Conqueror, and assumed the Name of *Chamberlayne* from bearing that Office to King *Stephen*. This Lord *Richard Wenman*, who was born Anno 1657, died *March 1*, 1689, and was buried at *Whitney*: His Lady died aged 85, *Feb. 9*, 1741. On his Death

Sir *Richard*, the fifth Viscount succeeded: He married *Susannah*, Daughter of *Seymour Wroughton*, Grandson of Sir *Giles Wroughton*, of *Wroughton*, Co. *Wilts*: Lord *Richard* was born *July 29*, 1687, and died at *Thame Park*, *Nov. 27*, 1729, and was buried at *Whitney*; and succeeded by

Sir *Philip* the present Viscount, 1735, born Anno 1719, now living at *Thame Park*. He left Issue also a second Son, named *Richard*.

This Parish is, next to *Buckingham*, reputed to be of the largest Extent of any in the Hundred : It is supposed to contain above 3000 Acres ; and it has in it besides *Twysford*, 2 Villis called *Cbanenden* and *Pounden* ; the Name of *Cbanenden* signifying Canons Wood, I take to have been so given it from its belonging to the Canons or Monks of *Fenger* ; and *Pounden* to signify the *Pond* or *Pound*, or Inclosure, or Pond in the Wood.

Here are in this Parish about 95 Houses, and 400 Souls. It was *Anno* 1712, assessed to the Land-Tax 307 *l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* being the highest Assessment of any Parish in this Division, except *Buckingham*. I find no Account returned to the Bishop of *Lincoln* of any Lands given to Charities in this Parish.

The Advowson being given by the *Felgeres*, as seems to me, to the Abbat and Monks of *Fenger*, in *Normandy*, they remained Patrons till *Hen. III*'s Time, when that Monastery, to obtain the Protection of the Bishops of *Lincoln*, gave it to that See ; and the Bishops of *Lincoln* continued Patrons hereof till the Year 1475, 15 *Edw.* IV, when Bishop *Rotherham* the Co-Founder of *Lincoln* College, in *Oxford*, got it annexed to the Rectorship of that Society, as I find by Letters Patent, 15 *Edw.* IV. p. 1, as follows,

“ Rex dedit Licentiam *Thomæ* Episcopo *Lincoln.* Cancellario Angliæ Quod ipse Ecclesiam parochialem Beate *Marie de Twysford*, in Com. *Bucks*, sue Collationis, et Diocesis, cum suis Juribus et Pertinentiis quibuscunque dilectis nobis Rectori, sive Custodi Collegii Beate *Marie* et omnium *Sanctorum Lincoln.* In *Oxonia*, et ejus Loci Scholaribus, sive Sociis et Successoribus suis, appropriare universe et incorporare possit : Habendum imperpetuum dum tamen Ecclesia illa de sufficienti Vicario dotatur, et quedam competens Pecuniæ summa inter Pauperes Parochianos ibidem annuatim distribuatur, et hoc absque Fine seu Feudo, ad opus nostrorum pro magno Sigillo capiendo seu solvendo. Dat. *Maii* 14, *Anno* 15 *Edw.* IV.”

By Virtue of this Grant not only the Rectorial but Vicarial Tythes have been incorporated and consolidated into the Rectorship of *Lincoln* College ; and so whosoever is Rector of *Lincoln* College, is without Institution or Induction *de Jure*, Rector here ; and the Rector finds an officiating Minister to do divine Service here, at a Stipend of 40*l.* or 50*l.* per Annum. And he is as I hear customarily obligated to preach himself an annual Sermon, which is accordingly performed on some Sunday in *Lent* : The Rectory was *Anno* 1291, 19 *Edw.* I, valued at 25 Marks.

I have not met with any Chapel of Ease erected in this large Parish in the Registers of *Lincoln*, tho' there being a Wake or Feast observed at *Cbanenden* the Sunday before *All-Saints-Day*, it should seem as if a Chapel had

<sup>b</sup> Pat. 15 *Edw.* IV. Membrana, 5 Part I.

been antiently there. Here were, *Anno 1541, 32 Hen. VIII*, Altars of *St. Catherine* and *St. Thomas*, and Lights before the Images of our Lady and *St. Anthony* in this Church.

The Manor-House, as I have been informed, was a large Building, and it stood near the Church; but going to Decay the *Wenman* Family took up their Habitation at a Place called the *Lodge*, from its being situated, no Doubt, in the Park. But as that is now converted into Tenants Houses, they have not resided here these last 50 or 60 Years, but live for the most Part at their Seats in *Oxfordshire*, now known by the Names of *Thame Park* and *Caswell*, near *Whitney*.

I meet with this Return of this Parish to the Bishop in his triennial Visitation of his Diocese, (but no Terrier) viz.

“ That *Lincoln College* pays a Curate, and that the whole Tythes Rectorial and Vicarial, are settled on that College.”

This Parish is bounded West by *Stratton-Audley*, in Co. *Oxon*; East by *Steeple* and *Middle-Cleydon*; South by *Edgcote* and *Mershe Gibwen*; and North by *Preston* and *Godington*; which last Parish is in Co. *Oxon*.

The Church here, which is dedicated to the Honour of *the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (and has a Wake or Feast kept in the Parish the Sunday after *August 15*) consists of a Body, two Side Isles and Chancel, all which are leaved. At the West End is a broad embattled Tower, in which hang 5 modern Bells.

I meet with no painted Glafs or Arms, but here are several Inscriptions, which I shall give in their Order, and begin with the Chancel.

On a Gravestone,

“ Here lieth the Body of *Margaret*, Wife to *Thomas Evans*, M. A. and Minister of this Parish, the only Child and Heir of *Sir Thomas Smith*, Citizen of *Oxford*; buried *Oct. 24, 1687*, aged 38.”

On another Gravestone,

“ Here resteth the Body of *Elizabeth*, late the dear and loving Wife of *John Brooke*, Daughter of *Mr. William Bale*, deceased; who departed at *Twyford Lodge* to eternal Joy, on the 17th Day of *Nov.* A. D. 1661.”

On another Gravestone,

“ Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Berry*, late Minister of God's Word in this Church, who departed this Life the 20th Day of *Oct.* *Anno*

Testamentis Probat. in Curia Archidiaconi de Buckingham.

" 1675, in the 67th Year of his Age; and *Elizabeth* his Wife; who departed this Life Jan. 12, 1677."

On a Marble near the Communion Table,

" Here lieth the Body of *Abigail*, late Wife of *Moses Baxter*, Gent. One of the Daughters of *Robert Busby*, Son to *Abigail Busby*, late of *Marsh-Gibbon*, Widow, deceased. She died the 21st of Oct. 1700, in the 37th Year of her Age."

On an antient Gravestone the Demi Effigies of a Priest with his Hands joined, in a praying Posture, underneath this, on a Plate of Brass,

" *Hic jacet Dominus Johannes Everdon, quondam Rector istius Ecclesiae, qui obiit 4 Die Septembris, A. D. M.CCCC.XIX. Cujus Anime propicietur Deus. Amen.*

Against the Wall, over the Chancel Door, are painted these Arms, viz. Barry of 6 *Argent* and *sable*, and by it *T. M.* being the Arms of *Thomas Marshall*, Rector of *Lincoln College*.

Also these Arms of *Fleming* and *Rotherham*, Founders of *Lincoln College*, both of them Bishops of *Lincoln*.

1. Barry of 6 *Argent* and *Azure*, on a Chief, *Gules*, a Mullet *sable*, being the Arms of Bishop *Fleming*.

2. *Gules* 2 *Lions passant guardant*, Or, on a Chief *Azure*, the *Virgin Mary* sitting on a Tomb, being the Arms of the See of *Lincoln*.

3. *Azure* 3 *Bucks tripping*, Or, being the Arms of Bishop *Rotherham*.

#### Monuments in the Church.

On a black Marble in the North Ile, affixed to the Wall, are these Arms, viz.

*Azure* a Chevron, Crenelle, between 3 *Cinque Foyles*, Or, and this Inscription,

" Here 'till our Saviour comes again,  
" Lyes the Body of *Alice Payne*,  
" Who was while she enjoyed this Life,  
" To *Langham* Child, to *Payne* a Wife;  
" For whom and for her Sake hereafter,  
" *Margaret Edmund's* her dear Daughter,  
" Set this Monument above  
" Her Mother's Bones in Christian Love."

" Obiit *Alicia* 28 Die *Februarii*, A. D. 1622, struxit *Margareta* 30 Die *Martii*, A. D. 1641."

On a Gravestone,

" Here lies *Mary*, the Wife of *William Crofts*."

Arms

**Arms.** 3 Bulls Heads couped, impaling Wenman.

On a Lozenge in the Church,

“ Here lye the Bodies of *Daniel Chatburne*, Gent. and *Elizabeth* his Wife,

“ He died Nov: 19, Anno 1653; and she Dec. 18, 1654.”

**Arms.** A Cross Lozenge; over all a Bend Gobone, impaling a Pile in Chief, and 2 Pyles in Base, being *Chatburne's* Arms and his Wife's.

In the South Ile the Effigies of a Man in Armour, his Leggs crossed, with a plain Shield on his left Arm; near it within an Arch is a raised Altar Tomb, whereon had been the Effigies of a Man and Woman in Brass, and Coats of Arms at each Corner, but all are torn off, both Arms, Effigies, and Inscriptions.

Opposite to this last, in the middle of the Ile, is a handsome large raised Tomb, covered with grey Marble, 10 Feet in Length; at each of the Corners are these Arms, viz. 3 Lions passant, being the Arms of *Giffard*.

Also another Coat, having the Arms of *Gifford* impaling *Stavely*, viz. a Chevron charged with 3 Stags Heads between 3 Lions passant.

3d as 2d.

4th as 1st.

On a Brass the Effigies of a Man in Armour, at his Feet a Greyhound, and this Inscription on a Plate of Brass,

“ Here lyeth the Body of *Thomas Giffard*, of *Twyfard*, in the County of  
“ Bucks, Esq; and *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of *Williant Stavely*, of  
“ *Bignell*, Esq; which *Thomas* deceased the xxvth Day of November,  
“ in the Year of our Lord God M.CCCC.L. On whose Soul Ihu have  
“ Mercy. Amen.

*N. B.* One of this Family of *Stavely* died Anno 1485, and lies buried in *Burcester* or *Biffeter* Church in Co. Oxon, of which Parish *Bignell* is a Member.

These aforelaid two antient Tombs of the *Giffards*, robbed of their Inscriptions, I suppose were of Sir *John Giffard* in *Edw. III*d's Time, and *Thomas Giffard* in *Hen. VI*th's Reign.

## Monuments in the South Ile.

On a Monument of the Lord *Wenman's* affixed to the East-Wall, composed of black and white Marble, with divers Gildings and other rich Ornaments and Embellishments are these Arms quartered,

1. Per pale Gules and Azure, a cross Potence Or.
2. Sable Wenman, on a Fess between 3 Anchors, 3 Lions Heads Or.
3. Gules, 3 Lions passant Argent, being *Giffard*.
4. Gules, a Cup covered Or.



5. *Ermine on a Chevron engrailed, sable 3 quater Foyles.*
6. *Cheque Argent and Gules on a Chevron Azure, 3 Roses Or, being Vaux.*
7. *Or, a Chevron between 3 Roses in Chief, and a Dolphin hauriant in Base, being Langton.*
8. *Stavely on a Chevron Azure, 3 Stag's Heads caboched inter 3 Lozenges Argent.*
9. . . . . *A Chevron between 3 Eagles displayed.*
10. *Azure a cross Potence between 4 Martlets argent, Crest a Cock's Head erased; galoped and beaked Or. Round this in a lesser Escutcheon,*
11. *Impaling Wenman, and Wenman impaling Giffard and Williams, viz. Two Hautboys in saltire, between 4 Crosses Patee Argent.*
12. *Argent, a Moor's Head.*
13. *Party per Chevron Sable and Ermine in Chief, 2 Wolves combatant within a Bordure, entoire de Fleur de Lis.*
14. *Argent, a Heron sable.*
15. *Sable, a Fess between 3 Leopards Heads in Chief, and in a Base a Trefoyle slipt.*

In the Middle,

16. *Quarterly, 1 Giffard.*  
       *2 Ermine a Chief indented Gules.*  
       *3d as 2d.*  
       *4th as 1st.*
17. *Stavely.*
18. *Argent, a Lion rampant Azure, over all a Bend Gobony.*

Round thereon the Arms repeated on a lesser Escutcheon, as they are in other Parts; betwixt these Arms on an Oval Tablet, between 2 marble Pillars this Inscription,

- “ In Memory of the Right Honourable *Richard* Lord Viscount *Wenman*,  
 “ Son of *Thomas Wenman*, Esq; and *Jane*, Daughter of *William* Lord  
 “ *Delawar*; the said *Thomas* being Son of Sir *Richard Wenman* and  
 “ *Isabel*, Daughter of *John* Lord *Williams*, of *Thame*, which *Richard*  
 “ was Son of *Thomas Wenman*, Esq; and *Ursula*, Daughter and Heir  
 “ of *Thomas Giffard*, Lord of this Manor. The said *Richard* Lord  
 “ Viscount *Wenman* had to Wife *Agnes*, Daughter of Sir *George Fer-*  
 “ *mour*, of *Easton-Neston*, in the County of *Northampton*. He  
 “ died on *Good-Friday*, *Anno Domini* 1640, and the said *Agnes*  
 “ died *Anno* 1617.”
- “ By the Care of the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Wenman*,  
 “ their Son, this Monument was erected; who deceased the 25th of  
 “ *January*, *A. D.* 1664, aged 68 Years; who married *Margaret*,  
 “ Daughter and Heir of *Edmund Hampden*, of *Hertwell*, in the  
 “ County of *Buckingham*, Esq; who died the 1st Day of *May*, *A. D.*  
 “ 1658, aged 59.

Supporters

Supporters. *Two Greyhounds Gules Collar'd, Or. Motto. Omnia Bona Bonis.*

On two other Tablets these Inscriptions,

“ In Memory of the Right Honourable *Philip* Lord Viscount *Tuam*, of  
 “ the Kingdom of *Ireland*, who departed this Life the 29th Day of  
 “ *April*, in the Year of our Lord 1686, in the 76th Year of his  
 “ Age.”

On the opposite Table,

“ In Memory of *Ferdinando Wenman*, Esq; Son of Sir *Francis Wenman*,  
 “ of *Carfwell*, in the County of *Oxford*, Knight and Baronet; and of  
 “ *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Wenman*, Viscount  
 “ *Tuam*, who departed this Life the 2d of *August*, 1671, in the 17th  
 “ Year of his Age.”

On another Table,

“ Here lyeth the Body of Sir *Richard Wenman*, of *Twysford*, Knight,  
 “ Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas Wenman*, of *Carfwell*, in the County of  
 “ *Oxford*, Knight, and of Dame *Ursula* his Wife, Daughter and sole  
 “ Heir to *Thomas Gifford*, Esq; some time Lord of this Manor of  
 “ *Twysford*, which Sir *Richard Wenman* married *Isabel*, eldest  
 “ Daughter, and one of the Coheirs of Sir *John Williams*, Knt. Lord  
 “ *Williams*, of *Tbame*, Lord Chamberlain to King *Philip*; and Lord  
 “ President of the Council and Marches of *Wales*; by her had Issue  
 “ *Thomas Wenman*, Esq; his eldest Son and Heir; *Henry Wenman*,  
 “ second Son; *Francis*, third Son; *Elizabeth* and *Margaret*, all  
 “ living at the Day of his Death, which was the seventh of *March*,  
 “ *Anno* 1572. For whom the Lady *Isabel* caused this Monument  
 “ to be made, *Anno* 1576.”

On small Gravestones, on the Pavement,

1. “ Here lyeth Dame *Margaret*; Wife of *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Wen-*  
 “ *man*, 1638.”
  2. “ Here lyeth the Body of *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Wenman*. He was  
 “ buried 1664.”
  3. “ Here lyeth the Body of *Philip* Lord Viscount *Wenman*, buried in  
 “ *May* 1686.”
  4. “ Here lyeth the Body of *Ferdinando Wenman*, buried in *August*  
 “ 1671.”
- “ Here lyeth the Body of *Richard* Lord Viscount *Wenman*. He was  
 “ buried 1640.”

## TWYFORD RECTORES.

The Rectors of this Parish while it was presentative, and the Curates since, both the Rectory and Vicarage, were annexed to *Lincoln College*, are as follow, as well as I can collect them from the Registers of *Lincoln*, &c. The first of them I meet with is

*Ralph*, Dean of *Stafford*, who in the Patents, *Anno 8 King John 1207*, is said to have resigned a Moiety of this Church, and that he was succeeded by

*Thomas de Twyford* who received Letters for Institution, directed to the Archdeacon of *Bucks*, 1207.

*Richard de Wyfry* was presented *Anno 1224*, 8 *Hen. III*, to the Church of *Twyford*, by the Convent of *Fenger*, *salva Penfione 6 Marc. dictis Abbat et Convent*.

*Simon de Estlond* was presented by *Fenger Monastery*, *Anno 1235*, 16 *Hen. III*.

*John de Stok* was collated by the Bishop of *Lincoln*, *Anno 1241*, 26 *Hen. III*.

*William de Gare* resigned this Rectory, *Anno 1265*, 49 *Hen. III*, and was succeeded by

*Ralph de Feningham*, collated by the Bishop of *Lincoln*, *Id. Dec. Anno 1265*. The next was

*William Seggeville*, who occurs *Persona de Twyford*, in *Pryn's Collectanea*, tom iii. p. 559. *Anno 1294*.

*Nicholas de Appeltree* succeeded, on whose quitting it for *Bernack Rectory*,

*John de Sutton* became instituted 12 *Cal. October*, *Anno 1299*, on the Bishop's Collation. He resigned it *Anno 1319*, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Burdon*, collated 8 *Cal. Aug.* *Anno 1319*, 12 *Edw. II*, on an Exchange with *Sutton* for *Worsop*, *Co. Nottingham*. After him

*John Magard* occurs *Anno 1344*.

*John Worsop* was instituted 11 *Cal. Jun.* *Anno 1355*. He exchanged it for *Loughborough*, *Co. Leicester*, with

*William Antony*, 15 *Cal. Nov.* *Anno 1358*, 32 *Edw. III*. His Successor was

*Richard de Bonham*, on whose Resignation, *Anno 1391*, 14 *Ric. II*,

*Richard Gloop* became collated and instituted, *March 4.* *Anno 1391*. He exchanged it for *Alderton* in *Suffolk*, with

*John Everdon*, instituted *Nov. 8*, 1399. He died *Anno 1419*, 7 *Hen. V*, and was buried in this Church, and succeeded by

*Thomas Broun* or *Browne*, *Anno 1419*, (who was afterwards Bishop of *Rochester* and *Norwich*.) He exchanged it for the Mastership of *Maidstone Hospital* in *Kent*, with

*Thomas Astol*, *Sept. 9.* *Anno 1423*. His Successor was

*John Permonter*, who seems to have come into it about *Anno* 1427, 5 *Hen. VI*; on whose Resignation, *Anno* 1432, he taking other Benefices, particularly the Rectory of *Stow, Co. Northampton*,

*William Moncaux*, or *Moneux* became instituted *Feb. 18, Anno* 1432; when he voided it I find not; neither the Institution of

*John Marshall* the last Rector as appears to me; on whose voiding it, *Anno* 1475, 15 *Edw. IV*, it became annexed and consolidated to *Lincoln College* as aforesaid: This *John Marshall* was made Prebendary of *Aylesbury* *July 2, Anno* 1467, 7 *Edw. IV*, and Bishop of *Landaff, Anno* 1477, and dying *Anno* 1495, 10 *Hen. VII*, was buried in *Landaff Cathedral*, to which he had been a great Benefactor. In his last Will and Testament he gave a Legacy to buy a Vestment to this Church, and also to his prebendal Church of *Aylesbury*.

After him I find no more Names of Incumbents, nor even so much as the Curates Names, who officiated here in the Registers of *Lincoln*, so that I cannot give any Series or Succession of them till after King *James* the first's Reign, for I meet with only two of these before that Time, viz.

*Thomas Paske*, who occurs Curate *Anno* 1539, 30 *Hen. VIII*, as does

*John Polhe* 1561; and then I meet with, next to him,

*Edward Wallis*, A. B. who is styled Minister here, *Anno* 1605, 3 *Jac. I*, after him

*John Wakelyng* subscribes himself Curate of *Twyford, Anno* 1609, 7 *Jac. I*, and *Anno* 1617, as does

*Thomas Pool*, *Anno* 1627. He died and was buried here, *Oct. 4, 1654*, and succeeded by:

*Thomas Berry*, Curate of *Steeple Claydon*, who took this after *Pool's* Death. He died and was buried here, *Oct. 22, 1675*, and succeeded by

*Thomas Evans*, A. M. *Anno* 1676. He died and was buried here *Nov. 3, 1708*, and succeeded by

*Richard Adams*, B. D. *Anno* 1708, on whose quitting it, *Anno* 1721,

*Knighley Adams*, B. D. the present Minister, *Anno* 1735, succeeded.

The Parish Register begins *Anno* 1661, 3 *Edw.* out of it I extracted these Entries,

## MARRIAGES.

*Thomas Tasburgh*, Esq; and *Jane Cressie*, 16 *Jan.* 1587.

*Richard Samwell*, Esq; and *Frances Wenman*, Daughter to Sir *Thomas Wenman*, *Oct. 21, 1637*.

## BIRTHS, or BAPTISMS.

*Elizabeth Wenman*, *June 13, 1575*.

*Ferdinando Wenman*, *July 26, 1576*.

*Richard* and *Bridget*, Children of Mr. *John Babington*, *June 4, 1615*.

*Richard*, Son of Mr. *John Babington*, *July 15, 1618*.

*Mary*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Wenman*, and the Lady *Margaret* his Wife, Sept. 1633.

*Thomas*, their Son, Oct. 10, 1634.

*Edward*, their Son, April 22, 1637.

*Philip*, their Son, June 3, 1639.

*John*, Son of Mr. *William Vaux*, Nov. 15, 1697.

*William* and *Mary*, Son and Daughter of *William Vaux*, Feb. 13, 1698.

*William*, Son of Mr. *William Vaux*, April 28, 1703.

## B U R I A L S.

*John Wainman*, May 8, 1564.

*Sir Richard Wainman*, Knt. Mar. 19, 1572.

*Thomas Wainman*, Esq, July 24, 1577.

*James Cressie*, Esq; June 23, 1581.

The Lady *Anne Wainman*, Wife of *Sir Richard Wainman*, July 4, 1617.

The Lady *Margary Babington*, June 30, 1621.

*Dorothy*, Daughter of *Sir Richard Wainman*, Nov. 12, 1624.

*Elizabeth*, Wife of the Lord Viscount *Wainman*, April 27, 1629.

*Elizabeth*, Wife to *William Stafford*, Esq; Dec. 8, 1634.

*Margaret*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Wenman*, Jan. 29, 1634.

*Edward Wenman*, his Son, Nov. 23, 1637.

*Mary*, Wife to the Right Hon. *Richard*, Lord Viscount *Wainman*, July 28, 1638.

*Richard*, Lord Viscount *Wainman*, April 7, 1640.

*Richard*, Son of the Lord Viscount *Wenman*, June 20, 1646.

*Anthony Wenman*, Gent. Jan. 13, 1648.

*Daniel Chatburne*, Gent. Nov. 19, 1651.

The Hon. Lady *Margaret Wenman*, May 3, 1659.

*Thomas* Lord Viscount *Wenman*, Jan. 27, 1664.

Mr. *Ferdinando Wenman*, Aug. 5, 1671.

*Mary*, Wife of *William Crofts*, Esq; only Child of *Philip* Lord Viscount *Wenman*, Nov. 1, 1680.

*Philip* Lord Viscount *Wenman*, April 30, 1686.

WATER-STRATFORD,

**C**ALLED also *West-Stratford*, on Account of its lying *West* from the Capital Town of *Bucks*; has its Name from its Situation, viz. *Aquosum vadum ad Stratum*, the *Watry Street-Ford*: In *Doomsday-Book* it is thus surveyed:

*Terra Roberti de Oigli, in Stofield Hundred.*

*M. Stradford tenet Turstinus de Roberto. Pro viii Hidis se defendebat. Terra est viii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt iii. Et x Villani cum v Bordariis, habentibus v Carucatas. Ibi iii Servi et i Molinum de 8 s. Pratum vi Carucatarum. Valet 7 l. quando recepit e s. Tempore Regis Edwardi 7 l.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Azor, Filius Toti, et vendere potuit.*

*Turstin* holds of *Robert D'Oyly Stratford Manor*. It was rated at eight Hides. The Arable is eight Plough Lands, three are in Demesne. There are ten Copyholders, with five Cottagers, having five Carucates. There are three Servants and one Mill, of 8 s. Value. Meadow sufficient for six Ploughs. It is worth 7 l. when he received 100 s. in King *Edward's* Time 7 l.

*Azor*, Son of *Toti* held this Manor and could sell it.

In the *Monasticon*, vol. ii. p. 138. though it is mentioned that this *Robert de Oyly*, who founded *Oseney Abbey*, Anno 1129, 29 *Hen. I.* and gave Lands in this Parish to it, yet I do not find that he gave that Convent any Right in the Church here; for this was by *William*, Son of *William de Stratford*, bestowed on the Priory of *Luffield*, and that Convent continued Patrons thereof till *Hen. VIIth's* Time, when *Luffield* became annexed to *Westminster-Abbey*. The Manor and Advowson having been very early dissevered, which is what I rarely meet with.

But I come to treat particularly of them both, and so shall begin with the Manor.

On the Family of the *D'Oyly's*, the Founders of *Oseney*, becoming extinct in the elder Branch, in the beginning of the Reign of King *Hen. III* (if not sooner) I find this Manor was in the Possession of a Family hence denominated; who notwithstanding they had in this Reign given the Advowson of the Church here to *Luffield Priory*, remained still possessed of the temporal Demesnes or Manor, which descended as follows,

In a Deed without Date (made, as I presume, Anno 1230, 14 *Hen. III*) the Convent of *Oseney* granted to *William de Stratford* and his Heirs, a Yard Land on Payment of a Rent of 4 s. to their Monastery.

\* Vide Registr. *Luffield*, and the *Monasticon*, vol. i. p. 522: See also *Steven's Monasticon*, vol. ii. in the Appendix.

Anno

Anno 1334, a Fine passed between *John*, Son of *William de Stratford*, and *Isabel* his Wife, Demandants; and *Nicholas*, *Persona de Cbetwood*, Deforciant<sup>b</sup>, of *West-Stratford* Manor, and the Advowson of a Chantry at St. Mary's Altar, in *West-Stratford* Church, the Right of *Nicholas*, which he granted to *John* and *Isabel*, and the Heirs of their Bodies.

Anno 1342, 16 *Edw. III.*, *Nicholas*, Son of *John de Stratford*, was in Possession of this Manor<sup>c</sup>; and Anno 1359, 33 *Edw. III.*, *John Giffard*, of *Twyford*, Knt. granted all his Lands and Tenements in *Stratford*, of the Feoffment of *Richard*, Brother and Heir to *William de Stratford* to *William Appeltree* and *Richard Mallet*, in Trust; which said Trustees, viz. *Appeltree* and *Mallet*, the next Year re-infeoffed the Premises back again to the said *John Giffard*<sup>d</sup>, with Remainder to *Thomas Giffard*, which was confirmed Anno 1382, 6 *Ric. II.*

The next Account which I find of this Manor, is, that *Robert Giffard* died seized thereof Anno 10 *Hen. IV.*, 1409, as in the Escheats.

Anno 1432, 12 *Hen. VI.*, *John Barton*, Lord of *Thornton*, granted among other Lands to *Thomas Moor* and *Thomas Dodd*, Clerk, and *John Ardern*, the Manor of *West-Stratford*<sup>e</sup>; which *Thomas Moor* and *John Ardern*, Anno 1452, 30 *Hen. VI.*, granted it to *William Fowler* and his Heirs, and so it coming to *Richard Fowler*<sup>f</sup>, who died Anno 1477, 17 *Edw. IV.*, he enfeoffed therein *John Langston* and *Thomas Fowler*; and so it coming Anno 1513 into the Possession of *Richard Fowler*, Heir to *Thomas Fowler*, who was Heir to *Richard*, and descending to *John Fowler*, Son to *Thomas*, he granted this Manor, Anno 1542, 33 *Hen. VIII.*, to *Christopher Westcot*, which said *Christopher* released his Claim herein to Sir *Edward North* and his Heirs, who forthwith conveyed it to *William Humberston*, reserving 11 l. Rent to himself<sup>g</sup>, and the old Payment of 4 s. per Annum to *Ostney Abbey*, which was now made a Cathedral.

Anno 1550, 4 *Edw. VI.*, *Humberston* granted his Interest to *John Freyne*<sup>h</sup>, who Anno 1552, 6 *Edw. VI.*, released all his Title to *John Frankys*, Mary his Wife, and their Heirs. But notwithstanding this *Gabriel Fowler* (Son of *Edward Fowler*, Brother and Heir to *Richard Fowler*, Son and Heir of *Richard Fowler*) setting up a Claim Anno 1575, 17 *Eliz.* *Anthony Frankys*, Son and Heir of *John Frankys*, who had Anno 1552, 7 *Edw. VI.*, made a Purchase of it; he the said *Anthony Frankys* obtained from the said *Gabriel Fowler*, a Lease and Release of all his Interest and Right by Deed, dated Feb. 7, 1575, in the above-mentioned Year, viz. 1575<sup>i</sup>; which *Anthony Frankys* dying Anno 1615, was buried here, and succeeded by his Son *Anthony Frankys*, who enclosed the Estate (and gave it up to his Son-in-Law *Thomas Egerly*, as seems to me) on whose Death, which happened Anno 1659, 11 *Car. II.*, it descended to his Grandson, *Thomas Egerly*, born here Anno 1654, 6 *Car. II.*, who Anno 1678, executed the Honourable Office of High Sheriff of this County when the Assizes and Election of Members of Parliament

<sup>b</sup> Rot. Fin. Anno 9 *Edw. III.*    <sup>c</sup> Ex Evidentiis penes Dom. Maserii.    <sup>d</sup> Ibid.    <sup>e</sup> Ex Evidentiis apud Thornton, penes Dom. Tyrill, Baronet.    <sup>f</sup> Ex Evidentiis penes Dom. hujus Maserii.    <sup>g</sup> Ex Evidentiis penes Dom. Maserii.    <sup>h</sup> Ibid.    <sup>i</sup> Ibid.

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were held, as I am informed, on the Scite of the Castle of *Bucks*; but about the Time of his Mother's Death, which happened *Anno 1703*, he sold this Manor to *Thomas Cooks Winford, Esq*; afterwards made a Baronet, who gave it to his Nephew and Heir *Thomas Geers Winford, Esq*; the present Possessor, *Anno 1735*, and Member of Parliament for the City of *Hereford*.

This Parish is bounded West by *Finemere*, in *Oxfordshire*, and *Westbury*; North by *Shalfston* and *Stow*; South by *Tingwick*; and East by *Radcliff*.

The Advowson after the Dissolution of Monasteries, *Anno 1541*, 32 *Hen. VIII*, coming to the Crown, was *Anno 1551*, 5 *Edw. VI*, granted to *Nicholas Throckmorton*, and so came by *Anne*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *Arthur Throckmorton*, in Marriage with her to Sir *Peter Temple*; who had by her a Daughter and Heir, named *Anne*, Wife to Sir *Thomas Roper*, Viscount *Baltinglass*, in *Ireland*; on whose Death, *Anno 1694*, it reverted again to the *Temple* Family; and is now *Anno 1735*, vested in the Right Honourable Sir *Richard Temple*, Bart. Lord Viscount *Cobham*, who is Patron of this Church.

By a particular of this Parish, taken about the Year 1712, I find it was returned to contain 1000 Acres, and that it was worth near 600*l.* per *Annum*, and was assessed to the Land-Tax 92*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* Here were then 24 Families, and 105 Souls, but no Lands given to any Charity.

The Rectory was *Anno 1291*, 19 *Edw. I*, rated at 5 Marks, when the Abbot of *Oseney* had a Pension of 20*s.* issuing of it. *Anno 1535*, 26 *Hen. VIII*, it was valued for first Fruits at 7*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* 'Tis worth about 80*l.* a Year.

In the Years 1693 and 1694, this Place was much resorted unto on Account its Rector ~~Mr.~~ *John Mason*, who taught publicly that he had seen *Christ*, and that he had at this Place begun his personal Reign on Earth; which enthusiastical Predictions occasioned great Resort hither from many Parts of the Neighbourhood, insomuch that all the Barns and Houses hereabouts were filled with his Followers; many of whom were so infatuated that they sold their Estates, being persuaded that this World was at an End; and so took up their Abodes and dwelt here some Years after his Death.

He having given it out that he should rise again in three Days, his Adherents were so possessed with the Belief thereof, that his Successor in the Rectory, Mr. *Rushworth* informed me that he was obliged to open his Grave, expose his Corpse, and thereby convince the People of the Madness of his Tenets.

There were, as I have seen, some Pamphlets wrote to explode his Doctrine, particularly one by the Reverend Mr. *Henry Maurice*, Rector of *Tyringham*, which is entitled, *An impartial Account of Mr. JOHN MASON, of Water-Stratford, and his Sentiments*, London, 1695; in nine Sheets and a half



half, in 4to. Mr. *Mason* himself published a *Rhapsody of Hymns*, which is in my Hands.

But as I have (while I am printing this History) been favoured with a more particular Account thereof, I shall here insert it, as it was transmitted me, in a Letter from a Gentleman and Lady, seated at the next Parish, having their Permission so to do.

Their Account of Mr. *Mason* is as follows,

“ He (*viz.* Mr. *Mason*) being a popular Preacher, the common People, especially the Women, came far and near to be his Auditors; and as he came out of the Church, the People used to kneel down and beg his Blessing, and he laid his Hands on them and blessed them, as our Bishops now do. It is thought this was the first Occasion of his spiritual Pride, which afterwards led him into Extasies and pretended Revelations.

He told his Congregation, (which was composed of whole Families, some of whom sold their Estates and Lands, and brought their Substance to *Water-Stratford*, where they brew’d, bak’d, roasted, and boyl’d in a notable Manner) *That our Lord Christ would appear at Water-Stratford, and come and judge the World on Whitsunday following.*

They went out most Evenings into the Fields and sung their Hymns; my Grandfather and Mother went out to see them; the first Object they met with was a Countryman, who lay on his Face, in *Water-Stratford* Church-yard, who was quite tired with singing; and when turned on his Back was speechless but came to himself: Then they went into the Parsonage-House, and there was a Congregation walking round the Hall in a Ring, making a prodigious Noise, and all of them crying out *Glory, Glory, Glory*, and all in a Sweat and looking as if they were mad. My Mother told them she thought their’s was an odd Way of serving God, and wish’d they were not mad. At which they all stood still with their Mouths open, and stared fiercely on her, but said nothing, and she verily believes if my Grandfather and another Gentleman had not been with her with their Swords by their Sides, they would have served her as they did Mrs. *Lisle*, of *Imley*, whose Head-Cloaths they pulled off, and cried, *Avoid Satan*. Then my Mother said, poor deluded People, I am sorry for you: I wish I could speak with Mr. *Mason*; then one of their Women went up Stairs, and brought down Word that Mr. *Mason* was not to be seen or spoke with.

Some Time after came the then Duke of *Richmond*, and a great many more noble Persons, who tho’ denied Access to him, forced their Way up to him, and talked to him a good deal. And amongst other Things he told them he had seen our Lord Christ in the Room where they were then, with his fleshly Eyes and spoke to him with his fleshly Tongue; and that our Lord Christ told him, *he would come and appear in the Air over Water-Stratford, and judge the World on Whitsunday following.*

After this he looked out of his Chamber Window and said the same Things to the Multitude that stood underneath.

After this he was struck speechless, which was occasioned (as is supposed) by over talking himself; on which Dr. *Paxton* (a very eminent Physician) was sent

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sent for from *Buckingham*, who came from visiting Mr. *Mason* to our House, and told my Father and Mother that Mr. *Mason's* Ail was a Squinancy, and that he would not recover, and he accordingly died of it.

He told his Auditory when he was alive, that he should rise the third Day after his Decease, and with his Body ascend into Heaven.

He was buried before the third Day, and several of his People averring that they had seen him and spoke to him after his Resurrection, on a Piece of Ground or Close behind the Parsonage-House, which they called *Holy-Ground*; his Successor, the Reverend Mr. *Rushworth*, thought proper to take his Body up, and had the Coffin opened, and shewed them the Corps. But this did not satisfy them, still they would meet on *Holy-Ground*, as they called it, and did so for sundry Years; and when Mr. *Rushworth* discharged them from coming there, they assembled in an House at *Water-Stratford*.

In the Year 1710 (sixteen Years after his Death) on a *Sunday*, my Mother and a neighbouring Lady went and saw them there, and they sung the same Hymns and made the same Noise, and went round in a Ring as they used to do.

There are none of them that now assemble on this *Holy-Ground*, as the Sect seems to be quite extinct for these last twelve Years. I need not tell you, that our Lord *Christ* did not appear as Mr. *Mason* said he would. I think the chief Thing this new Sect or Religion produced, was, That several Women had their Bellies raised, it being one of their fundamental Articles to have all Things in common amongst them.

In the History of *England* I meet with these Books printed about this Affair,

1. The Tryal and Condemnation of the two false Witnesses unto the late Midnight Cry, published by Mr. *Mason*, the Author of the present great Assembly in *Buckinghamshire*, who are met together under a deluding Expectation of *Christ's* coming to Judgment, on *Whitsunday* approaching. Licensed May 14, 1694. London, printed for R. Baldwin, 4to.

2. A Letter from a Gentleman near *Water-Stratford* in *Buckinghamshire*, to his Brother, Mr. *Thomas Pickfast*, &c. of the Doctrine and Manner of Behaviour of Mr. *Mason*, Minister of *Water-Stratford*, with the Hymns they usually sing. London, printed for Rand. Taylor, 1694.

3. An Account of several remarkable Passages in the Life and Death of Mr. *John Mason*, late Minister of *Water-Stratford*, as they were put in a Letter by his Sister-in-Law, &c. dated May 28, 1694, 4to, London.

The Church here, dedicated to St. *Giles*, consists of a Body, which is leaded; and a Chancel which is also leaded: At the West-End is a low Tower, with a rising tyled Roof, in which hang three modern Bells.

Over the Chancel Door is the Effigies of an Horse, in rude Frett-work; and over the Porch Door on the South-side, is a Man carved with two Angels ministring to him, but it is defaced.

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In the Chancel East Window are these Arms, *Argent, a Chevron between 3 Cross Croissants sable.*

On the North Wall of the Church a Monument with these Arms quartered,

1. *Gules, a Saltire engrailed Argent.*

2. *Azure, 3 Combs Argent.*

3d as 2d

4th as 1st.

Underneath on a black Marble Table enchased with white, the Representation of a Woman on a Death-Bed; at her Feet a Man in a Gown; underneath this Inscription,

“ Near to this Place lyeth interred the Body of *Mary Frankysbe*, the  
 “ Wife of *John Frankysbe*, of *Water-Stratford*, in the County of *Buck-*  
 “ *ingham*, Esq. She departed this Life in Child-bed, the 6th Day of  
 “ *January*, *Anno Domini* 1629; by whom she had Issue 2. Sons and  
 “ 7 Daughters, viz. *Alexander* and *Anthony*, *Griffel*, *Penelope*, *Avis*,  
 “ *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, *Priscilla*, and *Anne*, who were all living at  
 “ her Death; she was aged 32 Years, for whose pious Memory her  
 “ loving Husband erected this Memorial, too, too little to express her  
 “ Deserts or his Affection.

“ Thus triumphs Death and tells us all must dye,

“ Thus triumph we by Christ on Death to flye.

“ To live to dye, is not to dye but live,

“ To dye to Bliss is blessed Life to give.

“ Ask how she lived, and thou shalt know thy End,

“ She died a Saint to God, to Poor a Friend.

Terrier, Oct. 20, 1639, *Samuel Marshâl*, Rector.

A Parlour, Hall, Cellar, Chambers, and Kitchen, in all 12 Bays.

A Milk-house, Wood-house, Study, and Stable new built, as the Chambers were by this Incumbent.

A Barn of 7 Bays, and 1 of 2 Bays.

2 Orchards, a Garden, and Close of 3 Acres.

In the East-Field 10 Acres and a half.

In the middle Field 7 Acres, and 2 Yards of Arable.

At *New-Bottle-Hill* 1 Acre of Furz, and 1 Acre and 2 Lees.

*Beacon's* Meadow of 3 Acres. *Conyborough* Meadow of 4 Acres.

But I come to exhibit the Names of the Rectors from the Registers of *Lincoln*.

### WATER-STRATFORD RECTORES.

*Ralph* was Rector *Anno* 1240, 24 *Hen. III*, as was, as I find in old Deeds, *Nicholas*, *Anno* 1244. The first Rector in the *Lincoln* Register is

*Michael de Bukeby*. He exchanged it for a Moyety of *Bechampton* Rectory.

with

*John*

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*John de Dodington*, 3 Id. April, 1340.

*John Levitt* died Rector, and was succeeded by

*John Legatt*, of *Towcester*, 3 Id. Oct. 1561.

*Edmund de Aylesbury* was presented to the Church of *St. Gyles*, in *Water-Stratford* on *Legatt's* Resignation, Oct. 30, 1369.

*Geffry*, surnamed *in the Kirne*, was instituted to the Church of *St. Giles* in *Water-Stratford*, on June 17, 1381. He died and was succeeded by

*Thomas Seman*, instituted April 12, 1399. He exchanged it for *Alkerington* Co. Oxon, with

*Edmund Barnesly*, alias *Pett* or *Potte*, Feb. 20, 1401. He exchanged it for *Tickencote*, Co. Rutland, with

*Adam Golaferre*, March 20, 1403. He exchanged it for *Sulby*, Co. Northampton, with

*William Brunne*, Jan. 8, 1403. He exchanged it for *Chicksand*, Co. Bedford, with

*Richard Raxon*, July 2, 1404. He exchanged it for *Basilden* Vicarage, Co. Berks, with

*John Wellcombe*, Oct. 14, 1411. He exchanged it for *Sutterby*, Co. Lincoln, with

*Geffry Davenport*, May 12, 1412.

*John Robyns* resigned it Anno 1440, and was succeeded by

*Henry Tame*, instituted Feb. 15, 1440.

*John Bechampton* resigned it Anno 1449, and was succeeded by

*John Combe*, May 28, 1449. He resigned it, and was succeeded by

*Robert Smith*, instituted Dec. 5, 1450. He resigned it Anno 1455.

*John Boddensham*, A. B. succeeded Jan. 25, 1455. He resigned it Anno 1459, and was succeeded by

*Richard Sedgeworth*, instituted May 18, 1559. He resigned it and was succeeded by

*John Colyns*, instituted Sept. 16, 1464. He resigned it Anno 1465, and was succeeded by

*John Jecok*, instituted May 17, 1465. He resigned it Anno 1480, and was succeeded by

*John Nutbeam*, instituted Oct. 15, 1480.

*Thomas Albion* succeeded and resigned it Anno 1489, and was succeeded by

*John Arrowsmith*, Anno 1489. He died Anno 1506, and was succeeded by

*John Cull*, instituted May 13, 1506, on the Presentation of the Abbat and Convent of *Westminster*, who succeeded to the Rights of the Priory of *Lusfield*, which had presented till Hen. VIIth's Time.

*John Smith* succeeded, being presented on the last Rector's Death, by *William Tyler*, Lessee-Tenant to *Westminster-Abbey*, May 23, 1528. He occurs Rector here, Anno 1546, and I suppose held it till Anno 1560, when

*William Birdesley* or *Baddisley* was instituted Nov. 5, 1560, on the Queen's Title. He seems to have been presented a second Time, Anno 1565. He was, Anno 1561, returned as residing at *Westbury*, where he was also Vicar.

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*Richard Major* was presented on the Death of the last Incumbent not named, and instituted *Jan. 5, 1592*, on the Presentation of *Dr. Edward Buckley*, Prebendary of *Westminster*, (which Church, it seems to me, on Account of their having been Possessors of *Luffield Priory*, set up a Title.) He was buried here *Oct. 5, 1616*, and succeeded by

*Robert Sibthorp*, D. D. the King's Chaplain, presented by *Sir Arthur Throckmorton*, *Anno 1616*. He was a noted Divine, and an eminent Preacher, as may be seen in *A. Wood*, &c. He resigned it *Anno 1627*, and dying *Anno 1662*, was buried at *Burton-Latimers*, Co. *Northampton*, *April 25*, without any Memorial. He was succeeded in this Rectory by

*Samuel Marshall*, presented *Anno 1627*, by the Lady *Throckmorton*. He resigned it *Anno 1642*, being made Vicar of *North Dodford*, Co. *Northampton*, where he died and was buried *1679*. His Successor here was

*Walter Taylor*, A. M. instituted *April 7, Anno 1642*, on the Cession of *Marshall*, on the Presentation of *Sir Peter Temple*, Knight and Baronet.

*William Joanes* or *Jones* succeeded *Anno 1651*. He died *Anno 1661*, and was succeeded by

*John Price*, instituted *May 2, 1661*, on *Jones's* Death, on the Presentation of *Anne*, Wife of *Thomas Viscount Baltinglass*. He was also Vicar of *Westbury*, which last he resigned, *Anno 1669*. He died and was buried here *August 22, 1674*, and succeeded by

*John Mason*, A. M. Vicar of *Stanton-Barry*, instituted *Jan. 28, Anno 1674*, on the Presentation of *Anne Viscountess Baltinglass*; of whom I have spoken already, and of his enthusiastical Doctrines and Seduction of the People in the Neighbourhood. He was buried here *May 22, 1694*, and succeeded by

*Isaac Rusworth*, A. M. instituted *Dec. 19, 1694*, on the Presentation of the Lady *Anne Viscountess Baltinglass*. He died and was buried here *Aug. 21, 1720*, and succeeded by

*Benjamin Hart* or *Heart*, A. M. instituted *Sept. 12, 1720*. He was buried here *Nov. 26, 1732*, and succeeded by *Rector*

*Thomas Green*, A. M. the present Vicar, *Anno 1735*, inducted *March 12, 1732-3*, on the Presentation of *Sir Richard Temple*, Bart. Lord Viscount *Cobham*. He is also Vicar of *Burton-Dercet*, Co. *Warwick*.

The REGISTER begins *Anno 1596, 38 Eliz.*

### MARRIAGES.

*Anthony Pendlebury* and *Anne Frankyshe*, *April 28, 1622*.

*William Frankyshe* and *Jane Fox*, *July 6, 1632*.

*Richard Webb* and *Penelope Frankyshe*, *Jan. 6, 1639*.

*Mr. Thomas Edgerly* and *Sarah Buckingham*, *Sept. 22, 1708*.

### BIRTHS,

## BIRTHS, or BAPTISMS.

*Dorothy Frankys*, Oct. 18, 1597.  
*Edward Frankys*, Sept. 17, 1598.  
*George Frankys*, Oct. 11, 1600.  
*Griffell*, Daughter of *John Frankys*, Jan. 1, 1619.  
*Penelope*, Daughter of *Mr. John Frankys*, Dec. 16, 1619.  
*Frances*, Daughter of *Anthony Frankys*, March 16, 1629.  
*Anthony*, Son of *Alexander Frankys*, Oct. 7, 1648.  
*Thomas Edgerly*, Son of *Mr. Thomas Edgerly* and *Frances* his Wife, born April 29, 1654.  
*Francis*, their Son, born Sept. 12, 1656.  
*Joyce*, their Daughter, born May 9, 1677.  
*Roger*, Son of *Mr. Thomas Edgerly* and *Sarah* his Wife, Nov. 28, 1708.

## BURIALS.

*Mr. Anthony Frankys*, March 28, 1615.  
*Mary Frankys*, Jan. 9, 1629.  
*Anne Frankys*, April 2, 1632.  
*Griffell Frankys*, Feb. 19, 1633.  
*Alexander*, Son of *John Frankys*, 1631.  
*George Frankys*, Gent. March 29, 1657.  
*Anthony Frankys*, Gent. Aug. 5, 1659.  
*Francis*, Son of *Mr. Thomas Edgerly*, Sept. 3, 1659.  
*Mr. Edward Frankys*, Nov. 18, 1671.  
*Anthony*, Son of *Mr. Alexander Frankys*, March 15, 1671.  
*Anthony*, Son of *Mr. Edward Frankys*, March 12, 1673.  
*Mr. William Frankys*, 1681.  
*Roger*, Son of *Thomas Edgerly*, Esq; July 16, 1700.  
*Mrs. Frances Edgerly*, Wife of *Thomas Edgerly*, Esq; Dec. 29, 1701.  
*Thomas Edgerly*, Esq; Oct. 7, 1723.  
 [N. B. He sold the Estate, and lived in a Cottage afterwards in the Town.]  
*Roger Edgerly*, of *London*, Gent. Dec. 12, 1731.

## WESTBURY,

THAT is *Municipium Occidentale*, or the *West-borough* or *Fortress*:  
It is thus described in *Doomsday-Book*:

*Terra Episcopi Bajocensis, in Stodfield Hundred.*

*In Westbury tenet Rogerius de Episcopo ii Hidas et Dimidium, pro uno Manerio. Terra est vii Carucatarum. In Dominio sunt ii, et iv Villani, cum iii Bordariis, habentibus v Carucatas. Ibi unus Servus. Pratum v Carucatarum. Silva cl Porcorum. Vallet 3 l. Quando recepit 1s. Tempore Regis Edwardi iii l.*

*Hoc Manerium tenuit Alnoldus Cilt, Teignus Regis Edwardi.*

Roger holds of the Bishop of *Baieux* two Hides and a half in *Westbury* for one Manor. The Arable is seven Carucates, two are in Demesne, and there are four Copyholders or Villans and three Cottagers or Borders. There is one Servant. five Carucates of Meadow. Mast for an hundred and fifty Hogs. It is worth 3 l. when he received 50 s. In King *Edward's* Time 3 l.

*Alnold Cilt*, a Thane of King *Edward's*, held this Manor.

The Bishop of *Baieux* as before-mentioned being outed, *Anno* 1088, I make no Question but that his Tenant, who was *Roger de Ivery*, Lord of *Radcliffe* and *Thornton*, came into his Possessions here, who being Sharer with his great Friend *Robert de Oily* in his Fortunes, his Descendants for that Reason joined with him and his Family in their religious Foundations.

The Successor to this *Roger* was, as is already shewn in *Radcliffe*, *Gef-fry*<sup>b</sup>, his Son; who dying *Anno* 1112, 12 *Hen. I.*, that King gave his Barony of *St. Wallery*, to *Guy de St. Wallery*; to whom succeeded *Reginald, Bernard*, and *Thomas de St. Wallery*, which last dying without Issue Male, *Anno* 1220, 4 *Hen. III.*, I find this Manor of *Westbury* came into the Possession of *Ralph de Hareng*, who being Lord hereof, as may be seen in the Register of *Oseney*, confirmed to that Monastery <sup>c</sup> *duas Partes Dominicæ de Westbury de dono Doyleorum et Rogeri de Ivery et Episcopi et Capituli Lincoln.* This *Ralph de Hareng* was Steward of the Barony of *St. Wallery*, under the afore-said *Thomas de St. Wallery*, *Anno* 1202.

In the Beginning of *Hen. III's* Reign, about the Year 1225, he is called Lord of *Westbury*<sup>d</sup>, and returned to hold *Villatam de Westbury de Comite Marshall de Honore Giffard*; and being a great Benefactor to Monasteries, he gave to *Catesby Priory* in the County of *Northampton*, the Assart of the

<sup>b</sup> Kennet's Parochial Antiq. p. 164.

<sup>c</sup> Ex Archivis Ædis Christi, Oxon. <sup>d</sup> Testa de Nevill.

<sup>e</sup> Monasticon Anglic. vol. ii. p. 897.

Park and Wood at *Westbury*<sup>a</sup>, which lay there between the Lands of the Abbats of *Oseney* and *Bitlefden*, which Donations with other Gifts to *Cateby*, were confirmed by Charter of *Hen. III.* Anno 1271.

The Rents that this Monastery of *Cateby*<sup>f</sup> had here, were Anno 1291 returned to be 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and that he, viz. *Ralph Hareng*, was the Donor of the Church here to the Monastery of *Ellenslow*, Co. *Bedford*, I make no Doubt; and that that Convent having Possession thereof, soon got it appropriated (about the Year 1222) to their House, and procured a perpetual Vicar to be ordained.

The Profits of the Rectory reserved to them were returned to be 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*

This *Ralph de Hareng* was also a Benefactor of Lands here to the neighbouring Priory of *Luffield*<sup>g</sup>, viz. of two Acres of Wood; and here were likewise other Donors of Lands to *Luffield*, viz. *Walter de Westbury*, Sir *James le Savage*, Knight, *Hugh, Filius Walteri Bustard*, *William de Covele*, &c. tho' all their Donations here were Anno 1468, 8 *Edw. IV.* as in the Rental of *Luffield*, (about twenty Years before its annexing to *Westminster-Abbey*) returned to be only 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Value; as were the *Bitlefden* Rents here, Anno 1534, 25 *Hen. VIII.* a little before the Dissolution returned to be 1 *l.* 10 *s.* The Donor of these Lands to *Bitlefden*, was *Hugh de Chastillon*, Lord of *Lekbampsted*, Anno 1266, 5 *Hen. III.* since whose Reign I find no more Alienations of Lands here to Religious Houses; and really in this Parish there seems to have been so much bestowed, that little remained to the Temporal Lords, whom I now return to give some Account of.

These were, besides *Ralph de Hareng* (who I find was either himself living, Anno 1294, 33 *Hen. III.* or a Son of both his Names) the Family of the *Stranges*; for I find about the Year 1310, 3 *Edw. II.* *Eubulo L'Estrange* seized of this Manor<sup>h</sup>, of which he died possessed Anno 1332, 6 *Edw. III.* And that Anno 1374, 49 *Edw. III.* *Roger L'Estrange*<sup>i</sup>, Baron of *Knockyn*, Lord of *Burcester*, granted and confirmed to his Son, *John L'Estrange* and *Maud* his Wife, this Manor of *Westbury*, *habendum* to them and their Heirs.

Tempore *Ric. II.* *Alan L'Estrange* was Lord here, and made a long Entail of this Manor on his Family, as appears in the Fines, Anno 1396, 19 *Ric. II.* though I find it in the next Reign, viz. *Hen. IV.* in the Hands of the *Sbelleys*, for the King bestowed the Manor of *Westbury*, of the Value of twenty Marks a Year, forfeited by the Treason of Sir *Thomas Shelly*, on *John Cope*<sup>k</sup>. However it reverted back again to *Alan L'Estrange*<sup>i</sup>, and he died seized thereof, Anno 1416, 3 *Hen. V.* And in his Family (as may be seen in *Dugdale's Warwickshire*) the Estates continued till they passed in Marriage by the Heiress of *L'Estrange* to the *Mordants*, among which was this Manor in par-

<sup>a</sup> Taxatio Spirit. in the Valor, Temp. *Edw. I.* in Bibl. Cotton.    <sup>g</sup> Registr. *Luffield*, p. 113.

<sup>h</sup> Escheat 3 *Edw. II.*    <sup>i</sup> Parochial Antiq. p. 507.    <sup>k</sup> Collins's Baronetage in *Cope*, p. 188.

<sup>l</sup> Escheat 5 *Hen. V.*



cular, being the Property of Sir *L'Estrange Mordant*; he sold it about 1613, the eleventh Year of King *James* the first, to *Laurence Walsington*, Esq; who dying possessed thereof, Anno 1619, his Son and Successor conveyed it Anno 1639, to Sir *Thomas Lyttelton*, after whose Death his Son and Successor Sir *Henry Lyttelton*, in Conjunction with his Mother the Lady *Katherine Lyttelton* (who had also about 1642 purchased the ecclesiastical Manor of *John Welleborne's* Heirs) conveyed all their Right and Property herein to *Roger Price*, by Deed, dated May 21, 1650. And in his Family, Anno 1735, it still remains, the present Possessor hereof being *Campbell Price*, Esq; his Great-Grandson.

But besides this Manor, I find the Rectory also so styled, and that it has passed as such in Conveyances: This was, with other Estates, granted by Letters Patent of *Hen. VIII.* Anno Regni 33, 1542, after the Dissolution of *Ellenstow* Monastery to *John Welleborne*, in Exchange for the Manors of *Mixbury* and *Fullwell*; from whose Family (which occurs possessed of it in King *James* the first's Time) it passed in Marriage by *Philippa*, Daughter and Heir of *John Welleborne*, to . . . *Sill*, who presented to this Church, Anno 1642; though soon after I find this Estate also in the Possession of Sir *Thomas Lyttelton*, Bart. viz. Anno 1643, who suffered much for his Loyalty, by being plundered by the Rebels in that Year, at his Seat in this Place.

After his Death, which happened in 1649, his Lady the aforesaid Dame *Katherine* and eldest Son and Heir, Sir *H. Lyttelton*, who succeeded him in his Title, conveyed their Right and Interest in the Rectory, Manor, and Advowson of *Westbury*, at the same Time as they had done in the Temporal Manor, by Deed dated May 21, 1650, to *Roger Price* the Elder, a Linen-Draper, in *London*, who settled here very soon after, and had Issue *Roger Price* his Son and Heir, born here Anno 1653, who was elected Member of Parliament for the Town of *Bucks.* Anno 1702, and dying Anno 1705, was succeeded by his eldest Son *John Price*, Esq; Gentleman Commoner of *St. John's* College, *Oxon.* who to the great Regret of all that knew him, dying in about a Year after his Father, was succeeded by his next Brother *Thomas Price*, Esq; on whose Death it descended, Anno 1733, to his eldest Son and Heir *Campbell Price*, Esq; the present Possessor, Anno 1735.

The Family of *Price* have a good Seat here adjoining to the Church, which was before the Seat of the *Lytteltons*, and formerly the Rectorial House, and belonged to *Ellenstow* Monastery before 1540.

But besides these Demesnes of the Family of *Price*, I find the Right Hon. Sir *Richard Temple*, Bart. Lord Viscount *Cobham*, seized of a Manor which he claims here, as he does over *Radcliffe* and other Manors, as Members antiently of the Honour of *Wallingford*; and since of the Honour of *Ewelme*, by Virtue of which he hath holden Courts: These Royalties, I presume, descended to him by Purchase, made by his Ancestors, in King *James* the first's Time.

• Ex Informatione. • Ex Evidentiis.

The Advowson of the Vicarage since the Dissolution of *Ellenstow* Monastery, being granted as aforesaid to *Wellesborne*, was presented to by that Family, *Anno* 1579; and *Anno* 1593 in the Minority of the Heir of *Wellesborne*, by *Anthony Greenway*, Esq; whose Sister *John Wellesborne* had married, and so left him, as seems to me, in Trust for his Son *John Wellesborne*, who is returned to be Patron, *Anno* 1605.

*Anno* 1626 *Wellesborne Sill* was (as I conclude) Heir by his Mother to the Patronage of this Advowson, which he died seized of, as I find by an Inquisition taken at *Oxford*, which sets forth that *Wellesborne Sill* died *March* 4, 1634, Intestate, seized *inter alia* of *Westbury* Rectory and Advowson, and 2 Messuages there, and that he left a Son, named *Wellesborne Sill*, aged 15 Years, 8 Months, and 20 Days; and so it being sold to Sir *Thomas Lyttelton*, *Anno* 1642, by the Family of *Sill*, and conveyed *Anno* 1650, by that Family to the *Prices*. They generously built the Vicarage-House, *Anno* 1661, and augmented the Vicarage with the great Tythes, so that it is now worth above 60 *l. per Annum*.

*Anno* 1291, the Vicarage was estimated at only 3 Marks or 40 *s.* *Anno* 1534, it was valued at 9 *l.* 17 *s.* 1 *d.* as it now stands charged for first Fruits.

This Parish was, *Anno* 1712, assessed to the Land-Tax 108 *l.* 15 *s.* 3 *d.* The Number of Families were, as then returned to the Bishop of *Lincoln*, 40; and of Souls about 130.

This Parish is bounded North by *Bitlefden* and *Turweston*; West by *Mixbury* and *Finemere*, Co. *Oxon*; South by *Water-Stratford*; and East by *Sbalston*. It contains about 1400 Acres.

The Church, which is dedicated to St. *Augustine* the Monk, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, consists of a Body and North Ile, which are leaded; and South Ile and Chancel, which are tyled. At the West-End is a small narrow Tower, with a sloped leaded Roof, in which hang three little Bells, and a Saints Bell.

Here are no Inscriptions whatsoever or any thing memorable, except some Painting on the Minister's Desk of St. *George*, &c. and these Arms, *Nebule*, in Chief a *Lion rampant*, and 2 *Roses quarterly*.

The Inside of the Church, Chancel, and side Iles are plaistered over to the Beams of the Roof, and ceiled.

Here are some Lands in the Fields of 1 *l.* 12 *s.* Value, and a Mark paid from *Bitlefden* Parish, which are given to the Repairs of the Church.

In an old Will I find that *Anno* 1458, *Alice*, Wife of *John Terry*, appointed to be buried in the Church of St. *Augustine*, in *Westbury*, and gave some silver Spoons to her Son, living at *Buckingham*.

In other old Wills I find mention of the Rood Light, St. *Augustine's*, St. *Nicholas's*, and St. *Christopher's* Lights in this Church.

## WESTBURY.

Terrier, *Anno* 1680, *Thomas Thistletwayte* Vicar.

An House, Barn, Stable, and Cowhouse.

A Garden, Orchard and Close, containing two Acres.

All privy Tythes, and the Tythes of ten Yard Land, paid out of the Parsonage.

All the Tythes of five Yard Land given by *Roger Price*, Esq; out of the Parsonage.

A Rate Tythe of 3 *l.* 10 *s.* paid by *Sir Richard Temple*, for his Pastures.

The Tythes of *Sir Richard Temple* and *Mr. Price's* Woods in *Westbury*.

The Glebe of twenty Acres, with the Meadow thereto belonging.

## WESTBURY VICARII.

But I come to the Account of the Vicars, taken out of the Registers of *Lincoln*.

*Robertus Capellanus de Elneftow* presentatur *Anno* 1225, 9 *Hen.* III, *per Abatiffam et Conventum de Elneftow, ad perpetuam Vicariam de Westbiry Ordinatum per Rev. Dominum Episcopum Auctoritate Concilii.*

*Alexander* last Vicar died, and was succeeded by

*Hugh de Ekeney*, instituted 8 *Cal. Oct.* *Anno* 1272, 56 *Hen.* III.

*William de Hornesend* was succeeded by

*John Northampton* instituted *March* 4, *Anno* 1294, on *William* the last Vicar's Death.

*John Stormsworth* resigned it *Anno* 1329, and was succeeded by

*Richard Pageyn* instituted 7 *Cal. Dec.* *Anno* 1329.

*Thomas Malefore* succeeded on the Death of *Richard* last Vicar, and was instituted 3 *Non. Sept.* *Anno* 1361. He exchanged it for *Akeley* with

*Robert Pye*, *de Bucks*, *Feb.* 10, *Anno* 1370. His Successor was

*William Huberd*, who exchanged it for *West Peckham*, in *Kent*, with

*William Alleyn*, *Sept.* 2, *Anno* 1372, but he took it again, for I find

*John Barkere* instituted *Dec.* 13, *Anno* 1375, on *William Huberd's* Death. He exchanged it for *St. Thomas the Martyr's* Vicarage, in *Portsmouth*, with

*Thomas Andrew* alias *Hoobate*, *Dec.* 8, *Anno* 1380. He is called *Vicarius Sancti Augustini de Westbury*. He exchanged it for *Adwell*, with

*Nicholas Jowell*, alias *Basford*, *Nov.* 30, *Anno* 1381. He died *Anno* 1381, and was succeeded by

*Simon*

*Simon de Scoter*, instituted Dec. 29, Anno 1388. He exchanged it for *St. Gregory's Church in Northampton*, with

*John Twenge*, June 24, Anno 1394. He exchanged it for *Cotes*, with

*Edmund Polle*, Sept. 30, the same Year 1394. He exchanged it for *Westcot-Barton*, Co. Oxon, with

*Thomas Timberland*, Sept. 20, Anno 1397. He exchanged for *Fulbrook*, Co. Warwick, with

*John Greene*, Sept. 7, Anno 1398. He exchanged it for *Fridlesham*, Co. Berks, with

*Adam Romney*, Dec. 16, Anno 1406. The next I find is

*John Wylton*. He exchanged it for *Godington*, Co. Oxon, with

*Henry Emmot*, June 10, Anno 1441. His Successor was

*Thomas Laurence*, instituted Sept. 22, Anno 1443.

*John Colyns* resigned it Anno 1447, and was succeeded by

*William Atewell*, instituted June 6, Anno 1447.

*William Disney* died Vicar, Anno 1475, and was succeeded by

*John Panell*, instituted March 7, Anno 1473. He resigned it Anno 1478, and was succeeded by

*Roger Austin*, instituted Nov. 15, Anno 1478. He resigned it Anno 1484, and was succeeded by

*David Knapton*, instituted Nov. 4, Anno 1484. The next that occurs is

*John Baudyn*, on whose Death, Anno 1503,

*William Challenner*, or *Chaundler* was instituted, Nov. 5, Anno 1503, as was

*Oliver Greyson*, instituted Sept. 24, Anno 1510, on *Chaundler's* Death.

*John Smith* succeeded on *Greyson's* Resignation, Jan. 12, 1517.

*John Crise*, A. M. was instituted in Jan. Anno 1520, on *Smith's* Resignation

*John Man* was instituted Aug. 28, Anno 1533, on *Crise's* Resignation.

*William Baddisley* was instituted July 3, Anno 1539, on *Man's* Resignation; and he is the last presented by the Convent of *Ellenstow*, which presented all the preceding Vicars.

As to *Baddisley*, he occurs Vicar here, and also Rector of *Water-Stratford*, Anno 1565. He resided here in the Year 1561, but I suppose quitted it in the Year 1575, when, as I find

*Ralph Turner* was presented on the Queen's Title, Oct. 23, Anno 1575, I presume on *Baddisley's* Disqualification to hold both Benefices.

*Richard Major* was presented by *John Wellisborn* the Patron, on *Turner's* Resignation, and instituted Aug. 7, Anno 1579. He quitted it for *Water-Stratford*, and was succeeded by

*Richard Crokett*, A. B. instituted June 2, Anno 1593, on *Major's* Resignation. He was presented by *Anthony Greenway*, Esq; who had married a Daughter of *John Wellisborne*. He occurs Vicar Anno 1614, as does his Successor the next Year, who was

*Thomas Daunce*, but I have not his Institution. He continued Vicar from the Year 1615 to 1641; when in his Will, dated *Mar. 11*, that Year, he appointed to be buried in the Chancel here.

*Richard Baldwin*, A. B. succeeded, being instituted *Aug. 5*, Anno 1642, on the Presentation of *Philippa Sill*, Widow, on the Death of *Thomas Daunce*.

*John Pilkington* succeeded Anno 1646. He occurs Vicar 1649; and as I presume, quitted it for *Swanburne* Vicarage.

*John Maddocks* was instituted *June 22*, Anno 1661, on the Resignation of *Pilkington*, on the Presentation of *Roger Price*, Esq;

*John Price*, A. M. was instituted *Oct. 2*, Anno 1667, on the Death of *John Maddocks*. He resigned it being also Rector of *Water-Stratford*, Anno 1670, and was succeeded by

*Thomas Thistlethwayte*, A. B. instituted *Jan. 26*, Anno 1670, on the Presentation of *Roger Price*, Esq. He died Anno 1691, and was buried here *June 23*, 1691, and succeeded by

*William Price*, A. M. instituted *Nov. 20*, 1691. He resigned it being made Rector of *Whitfield*, and was succeeded by

*Nathaniel Markwick*, A. M. *July 14*, Anno 1692, on the Presentation of *Roger Price*, Esq. He resigned it Anno 1694, and was succeeded by

*Isaiab Knibbe*, A. M. instituted *June 4*, Anno 1694, on the Presentation of *Roger Price*, Esq. He died and was buried here *Dec. 11*, 1714, and succeeded by

*Nathaniel Claridge*, A. B. instituted *May 6*, Anno 1715, on the Presentation of *Thomas Price*, Esq. He died in the Year 1733, at *Tadcaster*, Co. *York*, on his Return from *Scarborough*, and was there buried; and succeeded by the present Vicar, 1735, viz.

*John Ellis*, A. B. inducted *Oct. 20*, 1733, on the Presentation of *Campbell Price*, Esq.

The Register begins Anno 1558, out of which I took the following Extracts.

#### MARRIAGES.

*Bernard Tourney*, Esq; and *Mrs. Frances Smith*, *Oct. 14*, 1703.

#### BIRTHS, or BAPTISMS.

*Roger*, Son of *Roger Price*, Esq; and *Anne* his Wife, *Aug. 10*, 1653.

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Roger Price*, Esq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Anno 1681.

*John* their Son, *Aug. 1*, 1683.

*Edward* their Son, *Sept. 4*, 1688.

*Roger*, Son of *Thomas Price*, Esq; and *Mary* his Wife, Anno 1712.

*Salisbury*, Son of *Thomas Price*, Esq; and *Christian* his Wife, Anno 1726.

*Cade* their Son, Anno 1730.

## BURIALS.

*Anne*, Wife of *Roger Price*, Esq; *Anno* 1670.

*John*, Son of *Roger Price*, Esq; 1674.

*Roger Price*, Esq; *Jan.* 23, 1677. He died in *Spain*.

*Roger*, Son of *Roger Price*, Esq; *Anno* 1694.

*Mr. Edward Price*, of *London*, 1702.

*Roger Price*, Esq; *May* 27, *Anno* 1705.

*John Price*, Esq; his Son and Heir, *March* 29, *Anno* 1706.

*Mrs. Mary Price*, Wife of *Thomas Price*, Esq; *April* 2, 1713. She left  
Issue an only Son, viz. *Campbell Price*, Esq; born *Oct.* *Anno* 1710.

*Mrs. Mary Samwell*, Wife of *Mr. Samwell*, Daughter of *Roger Price*,  
Esq; *Feb.* 10, *Anno* 1715.

*Mrs. Elizabeth Price*, Widow of *Roger Price*, Esq; *June* 8, *Anno* 1726;

*Thomas Price*, Esq; *June* 7, *Anno* 1733.



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# A P P E N D I X.

In Order to render the foregoing History of the *Town and Hundred* of BUCKINGHAM more compleat, I shall here subjoin, by Way of *Appendix*, some antient Deeds therein referred to ; together with such *Additions* and *Corrections* as I have been favoured with since these Sheets went to the Press: And as I have in every Parish exhibited a Transcript of *Doomsday-Book*, it may not be improper to give an Explanation of certain Terms which are made Use of in that most antient and authentick *Record*. The Chief of which are these which follow.

**S**OME hold an *Hide* to contain 4 yard Land, and some an 100, or 120 Acres ; some account it to be all one with a *Carucate* or *Plough-Land* : But Sir *Edward Coke* in his *Institut.* 1st. fol. 69, says, as a Plough can till more in one County than in another, according as the Soil is light or stiff, a *Plough-Land*, *Yard-Land*, &c. contains no certain Number of Acres.

By Statute 7th and 8th *Will. III*, Cap. 29, a *Plough-Land* is reckoned 50 *l. per Annum*, to all Purposes within any Statutes concerning High-Ways.

*Virgata*, or Yard-Land, whereof 4 made an Hide, was in different Counties 15, 20, 30, or 40 Acres, as it is said in *Jacob's Law Dictionary*.

From the Terms *Hide*, *Carucate*, *Bobate*, &c. so often occurring in *Doomsday-Book*, it appears that the primitive Husbandry here consisted chiefly in Tillage or Arable Culture ; and to this our Ancestors were very rationally determined from experiencing that no Production of the vegetable Kingdom contributed to the Support of animal Life equal to Corn and the Legumens. A farther Inducement to this Sort of Husbandry was its Usefulness to the Publick as well as to Individuals, in that it provided more Hands, prevented Idleness, augmented Tythes, multiplied the People, and raised an hardy Race of Men, patient of Cold and Heat, and thereby fit for the Defence of their Country.

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Among the *Romans* some of the Senators disdained not to put their Hands to the Plough. Our own Laws in Favour of Tillage are so old, that we cannot trace their Original. The great *Selden* in his *Janus Anglorum*, fetches it from *Donwallo Malmutius* and his Son *Relinus*, who are said to have lived 500 Years before the Birth of our Saviour; and says that he ordained that Ploughs, Temples, and Ways, should have the Privilege of Sanctuary: And he the said *Relinus*, lest the Land should wax empty, constituted how many Ploughs each County should have; and forbad that Beasts that served the Plough should be distrained. And even at this Day the ~~Aberia~~ *Carucæ* Plough Beasts remain privileged above any other Cattle, as our present, as well as antient Laws give Arable Lands the Pre-eminence and Precedency to Meadows, Pastures, and all other Lands.

The Distribution of *England* by Hides of Lands is very antient, mention being made thereof in the Laws of *Ina*, a *West Saxon* King, about the Year 690, Cap. 14. And we find the same Stile and Way of Reckoning throughout this grand Roll of the Kingdom called *Doomsday-Book*; so that the Admeasurement, Estimations, and Valuations of Estates, seem to have been at first derived from the Plough; and these Measures to have been so regarded as to be a Standard for antient Surveys, and even a Rule for Taxations; for though the ~~Knights-Fees~~ brought in with them Wards and Marriages, yet they were made up of 5 or 6 *Carucates* or ~~Hides~~ a Piece: And the respective Tenants paid for so many ~~Plough-Lands~~ or *Carucates* as were at first computed, so that the Plough upheld all, till that stupendous Act which swept away Monasteries, whose Lands, and Tythes, being made the Possession of private Men, encouraged them to augment their Revenues by inclosing and converting Arable into Pasture, which as it diminishes the yearly Fruits, so it doth the People; for we may observe a Lordship in Tillage affords double the yearly Fruits it can in Pasture; for in Pasture little Charges goes out of it, whereas in Tillage Abundance of People must be maintained. This Practice, *viz.* of enclosing, caused the Decay of Tillage, and consequently depopulating of Places, which occasioned so many Statutes to be made in Queen *Elizabeth's* Time, &c. for maintaining Husbandry and Tillage, as the Title of one of them sets forth.

*Demeasne* or *Demain*, or *Dominicum* hath diverse Significations; but the most common one is to signify the Lord's chief Seat or Mansion, with the Lands belonging to it, which the Lord kept and reserved for his own Use, in Opposition to such Lands as were held by Services.

*Willan* generally signifies Copyholders, who were free against all Men but their Lords. This Word is also taken in another Acceptation, for several *Willan* were free by Tenure, and might dispose of their Lands, with their Lord's Leave, though they were not absolved from doing customary Services yearly, as ploughing their Lord's Lands, doing his Carriages, &c.



**Burgenses**, by this Word is meant only Inhabitants in Cities or Boroughs, and under this Title are described the principal Persons of a Town; whereas by the Word

**Bordarii** are implied only Cottagers or Boors, who held a little House of Husbandry, with some Land bigger than a Cottage, on Condition they should supply their Lord with some small Provision for his Bord or Entertainment.

**Servi** were prædial Servants, who performed such Service and Works as their Lords required, and had nothing but what they gained or acquired by the Good-Will of their Lords, who fed and kept them.

As to the Word **Teignus**, which is so often mentioned in **Doomsday-Book**, there were several Sorts of them, especially these 3 Ranks, viz. the **King's Thane**, who was equal to a Peer, or parliamentary Baron; the **middle Thane**, who bore Proportion to our greater Gentry; as the **lesser Thane** did to our smaller Gentry, or best Sort of Yeomen, whereof the **Saxons** had 3 Sorts, viz. noble, free, and servile.

And as to **Knight's Fees**, so frequently occurring in this History, it denotes so much Inheritance as is sufficient to maintain a Knight with convenient Revenues, which in **Henry the III'd's** Time was 15*l.* *per Annum*; but **Sir Thomas Smith** rateth it at 40*l.* A **Knight's Fee** contained 12 **Plough-Land** or 600 Acres of Land.

The most common Customs of every Manor were by the **Saxons** called **Soc** or **Saet**; the first imports a Power or Liberty to administer Justice, as also the Circuit or Extent where such Power is exercised; the other implies a Privilege to hear Causes, and levy Amercements: And in Grants **Soc** and **Saet**, always accompany each other.

**Free-Socage** is whereby a Parcel of Land is held by providing of Corn or other Provision for the Lord's Use, as **Military** or **Knight's Service** is finding Arms or Men.

Of these Men called **Socmen** there ought to be some in every **Court-Baron**, or Lords-Court now a **Barons-Court** was called originally from the King's having a Court of the **Thanes** or **Barons** of his Manor, which was held antiently once in 3 Weeks, where the **Barons**, **Thanes**, **Socmen** and **Knights** attended, and where was exercised all Manner of Law requisite for the King's Tenants; though some have thought that the Name of the **Court-Baron** is derived from a **Baron's** being always Lord of the Manor where it is held, and that the Style is **Curia Baronis**, and not **Baronum**.

Now as Tenements were occupied by People bred and born in the Village, they were called **Willani**, and since **Patibi** and **Servi** or **Bondmen**, being such as our **Husbandmen**, **Peomen**, or **Farmers**, are now. And the **Cottages** were held by what the **Saxons** called **Bordarii**, that is, Persons who like our Cottagers, held little or no Land; or they might be called **Bordarii** because they had their Meat where they worked: However these **Bordarii** were in every Respect, except their Lives, at the Will of their several Lords, who being weary of maintaining such numerous lazy Families

lies, as divers of them grew to be, became in Process of Time, willing to manumit or make them free, or suffer them to hold their Lands under such Rents and Services as the Lords thought fit to impose, which being entered in their Court-Rolls, they made afterwards little Use of their Authority over them.

As to the Words *Arfas* and *Pensatas* which occur in some Parishes in this County in the Survey of them in *Doomsday-Book*, they may be thus accounted for.

*Arfas* denoted the Trial of Money by Fire after it was coined, and thereby was meant lawful and approved Money; whose Alloy was tried by Fire.

The antient Way of paying Money into the *Exchequer* was either *Pondere* or *Pumero*, by Weight or Tale; hence *ad Pensam* signifies such Payment by Weight wherein the Payer was obliged to make the Pound Sterling to be full 12 Ounces *Troy*; and this is opposed to the Payment of the Pound *de Pumero*, which imports 20 Ounces by the Tale.

We also meet with the Term *ad Scalam*, which was used, when to save the Trouble of weighing, Six-pence was super-added to the Pound *de Pumero*, as a Medium for defective Weight. Thus the Sheriff is to pay *præter quamlibet pumeratam Libram sex Denarios*, by the Statute of *William the First*.

To this Explanation of Terms used in *Doomsday-Book*, I with great Pleasure add some ingenious Observations and Conjectures relative to this Subject, lately communicated to me by a learned Friend, to whose Perusal and Correction the last foregoing Pages were transmitted; many of them are entirely new; and when rightly considered, do reflect much Light upon this obscure Subject.

“ I am not at all satisfied that an *Hide*, a *Carucate*, a *Bobate*, or a *Parbo*  
 “ *Land*, contained any certain determinate Number of Acres or Measure:  
 “ The Meaning of the Words themselves are now so little known, and  
 “ antient Authors who have pretended to ascertain the Measure of each,  
 “ have differed so very widely from one another, that 'tis almost impossible  
 “ even to conjecture any thing to clear up this Matter. A *Hide* and a  
 “ *Carucate* (and sometimes a *Bobate*) have been generally taken to signify  
 “ the same Thing, or Measure at least; but why I dont understand. I sup-  
 “ pose it is certain that *Hide* is of *Saxon*, and *Carucate* of *Norman* Ori-  
 “ ginal; both Terms are used very frequently in *Doomsday*, in the Sur-  
 “ vey of the same Manor; and in many Instances it appears that they  
 “ must have been meant in different Senses; and in those Instances where  
 “ it does not appear so, it seems strange that the *Conqueror* should call  
 “ that a *Carucate* in the middle of his Survey, which he calls a *Hide* in  
 “ the Beginning of the Survey of the same Manor. The Meaning of the  
 “ Word

“ Word **Carucate** seems to be best known of any of the three, and to signify so much Arable Land as would employ a Plough a Year in tilling it. And in this Sense the Measure of such a Portion of Land must be very uncertain, and different in different Places, according to the Nature of the Soil, the Difference of Husbandry, and other Circumstances. So when in the Survey of a Manor in *Doomsday-Book*, we read that there is *Terra iii Carucatarum*, I understand by it that three Ploughs were kept there, or were necessary to till the Arable Land of that Manor, and not that any certain Number of Acres or other Measures is meant by iii Carucates.

“ How a **Bobate** differed from a Carucate I know not, but I think it was not the same, or at least it was not always so. In *Spelman's Gloss*, an Account is cited from an ancient MS. that viii **Bobats** made a **Carucate**, and viii Acres a **Bobate**; if so, a **Carucate** must contain lxiv Acres of Arable; but I think otherwise, for the Reasons abovementioned, and that a **Carucate** had no fixed Measure; and what still confirms me more in this Opinion is the vast Variety of Measure, and the great Difference of Quantity which we know to be in different **Parc-Lands** at this Day, and that not only in different Manors, but in one and the same Manor, when it is not unusual for some **Parc-Lands** to consist of xx, and others of xxx Acres of Land; and yet Authors have endeavoured to fix the Measure of a **Parc-Land** as much as of a **Hide**, a **Carucate**, &c. and have differed as much, or indeed more, in their Opinions concerning the Quantity of Land contained in a **Parc-Land**, which, I apprehend never did contain any certain Quantity, but that **Parc-Lands** also were always of uncertain and different Measures, from the very beginning.

“ Writers have not indeed been so liberal of their Opinions concerning the Meaning of the Term **Parc-Land**, as they have concerning the Measure of it; wherefore as I have not any eminent Authority to combat, I will venture to submit a Conjecture of my own, concerning the Meaning of the Word **Parc-Land**; viz. that it is *Terra quae tenetur per Virgam*, as most of the **Copphold-Land** in the Kingdom now is; and **Coppholders** are frequently styled *Tenentes per Virgam*; and the Latin Word *Virgata Terrae*, which is badly translated **Parc-Land**, does not signify so (for **Parc-Land** is in Latin *Virga Terrae*) but it signifies quod *tenetur per Virgam*, that Land which is held by the **Parc**, **Rod**, or **Virge**.

“ How **Copphold-Land** throughout the Kingdom came at first to be so generally held by the **Rod** as it is, I do not pretend to guess, unless the Rod was some Badge, or Emblem of Bondage or Slavery: But I have no Doubt but that those we now call **Coppholders**, were originally **Willains**, for the very Nature of their Tenure, and the Form of the Grants to them, which is continued to this Day, imply it. The Grant to a

“ *Copyholder for Life, being to hold for his Life by the Rod, at the Will*  
 “ *of the Lord, according to the Custom of the Manor.* And the Grant  
 “ to a *Copyholder of Inheritance* is, *to hold to him and his Heirs by the*  
 “ *Rod, at the Will of the Lord, &c.* than which Grants nothing can be  
 “ more absurd, unless you suppose the Grantees to be *Willains*; for what  
 “ Sort of Property can a Man have *for his Life* or *to him and his Heirs*,  
 “ who holds it *at the Will of his Lord*? Certainly none at all, for his  
 “ Life, or to his Heirs, it being held merely at his Lord’s Will; but  
 “ supposing the original Grantees to be *Willains*, such Grants are proper  
 “ enough, because *Willains* were incapable of any Property in Land but  
 “ at their Lord’s Will; for, if a Stranger granted Land to a *Willain* his  
 “ Lord might seize it: And if the Lord himself granted his *Willain* any  
 “ greater Interest in Land than at Will, the *Willain* thereby became in-  
 “ franchised: Wherefore in Order to keep *Willains* in their State of *Wil-*  
 “ *lenage*, and to preserve their Lord’s Power over them; and yet to give  
 “ those that deserved well the Appearance of some Sort of Property in  
 “ Land, this Sort of contradictory Grant and Tenure was invented. But  
 “ the Grantees were for many Ages mere Tenants at Will, and turned out  
 “ arbitrarily by their Lords without any Reason, and had no Sort of Be-  
 “ nefit by the Words *for Life*, or *to them and their Heirs*, but of holding  
 “ the Estate in those Manors if the Lord pleased; whereas Time and Cu-  
 “ stom have now so much turned the Tables, as to intitle them to  
 “ the beneficial Part of the Grant *for Life* and *in Fee*, and to render  
 “ the Words *at the Will of the Lord* useless. If therefore all *Parc-Lands*  
 “ were originally held by the *Rod*, and therefore *Copyholders*, or of the  
 “ Nature of the present *Copyholders*, and that they were, I have met with  
 “ Abundance of Instances; and if they were originally granted by Lords  
 “ to their *Willains* in the Manner I have above supposed: The Term  
 “ *Parc-Land* could never signify any Measure or Quantity of Land; but  
 “ on the contrary, rather signified a Portion of Land of uncertain Quantity  
 “ and Measure, such and so much as a Lord pleased to grant to his *Willain*,  
 “ to hold at his Lord’s Will.

“ *Bordarii* Mr. *Spelman* observes to be a *Norman* Word, and that in *Dooms-*  
 “ *day* (when it occurs there) it is always placed after *Willain*; and pro-  
 “ bably from thence it may be inferred that they were inferior to the  
 “ *Willains* in Rank; the Difference between them at first might be that  
 “ the *Willains* who held it at the Will of the Lord, after Payment of  
 “ the Rents, and doing the Services reserved, enjoyed their Estates to  
 “ their own Use, as long as they were permitted to enjoy them; whereas the  
 “ *Bordarii* were occupied in raising Provision for the Lord’s Table upon  
 “ his Demains, without having any thing to their own Use. The Estates  
 “ the *Willains* had were also originally Parcel of the Lord’s Demain;  
 “ all *Copyhold Estates*, even at this Day, are in Law, Part of the Demains  
 “ of the Manor where they lie. The *pativi* were those who were born  
 “ *Willains*; *Bondi* those who made themselves so by Compact. All

- “ these different Sorts were frequently called by the general Name of *Willains*, and are by the Law divided into two Sorts, viz. *Willains regardant*, and *Willains in gross*; of these, *Willains regardant* were such as always belonged to and pass’d along with some Manor. But the *Willains in gross* belonged to the Person of their Lord.
- “ That the *Worbarii* were employed in raising Provision for their Lord’s Table, seems to be implied by the Name; and if we consider that at the Time of making *Doomsday-Book*, the Generality of Rents were reserved in Victuals, and not in Money; this will somewhat strengthen the Conjecture that the Business of the *Worbarii* was probably to take Care of Provision for their Lord’s Table.
- “ The *Patibi*, *Bondi*, and *Servi*, who seem to be three Ranks of *Willains* inferior to the *Willani* and *Worbarii*, were probably employed in inferior Offices, such as cutting and carrying the Lord’s Fuel, Materials for Building, and other more servile Employments.”

PAGE 8, Line 11, in the second Column, for *Byng* read *Bray*.  
The ARMS of *Mallet*, Sheriff, *Temp. Edw. I.* were, *Azure 3 Escallops Or.*

- P. 10, insert *John Sackville*, of *Fawley*, Sheriff, *Anno 4 Ric. II.* His Arms were, *quarterly Or, and Gules, a Bend Vayre.*
- P. 11, ARMS of *RAGON*, Sheriff, *Temp. Hen. IV.* were, *Gules, 3 Hounds Argent*: And of *WYAT*, *A Pair of Pincers Argent*: And of *MASSEY*, Sheriff, *Temp. Hen. VI.* *A Chevron Gules, between 3 Lozenges sable.*
- P. 12, of *Edmund REDE*, Sheriff, *Azure 3 Cock Pheasants Or*: And of *HETON*, *Vert, a Lion rampant Azure*: And of *DONNE*, Sheriff, *Temp. Ric. III.* *Azure, a Wolf saliant Argent.*
- P. 14, of *PHILIPS*, Sheriff, *Temp. Hen. VII.* *a Cross, inter 4 Crescents.*
- P. 15, of *FISHER*, Sheriff, *Tempore Hen. VIII.* *on a Chief Gules, a Fish proper.*
- P. 18, f. *Thomas r. FRANCIS Goadwin.*
- P. 19, r. *Cheyne.* The ARMS of *CORRANCE*, Sheriff, *Temp. Charles II.* were, *Argent, on a Chevron 3 Leopards Faces Or, inter 3 Blackbirds proper*: And of *GAYER*, *Or, on a Bend, between 2 Bendlets sable, 3 Annulets Or.*
- P. 22, The exact Blazonry of the ARMS of *LOWNDES*, is, *Argent Frettee Azure, each Joint charged with a Bezant, on a Canton Gules, a Leopard’s Head erased Or.*

## BUCKINGHAM.

P. 31, l. 12, after *Interest* add, *in this Manner*; and l. 30, r. 1487.

P. 34, l. 2, f. *Italy*, r. *Sicily*.

P. 35, l. 2, r. *Skinna* and in both Places.

P. 37, l. 25, f. *Copyholders* r. *Cottagers*.

P. 39, l. last, after *Tanners*, add *Bibliotheca*, p. 137, and in bis.

P. 41, The first Indenture of this Town's returning Burgeses to Parliament in the *Rolls Chapel*, is as follows,

Anno 36 *Hen. VIII*, 1545, ex Archivis in Capellâ Rotulorum.

Haec indentura facta apud *Buckingham*, in Comitatu *Buckingham*, duodecimo die *Januarii*, anno regni *Henrici octavi*, Dei gratia *Angliae, Franciae, et Hiberniae*, regis, fidei defensoris, et in terrâ ecclesiae *Anglicanae* supremi capitis, tricesimo sexto, inter *Michaelem Fisher*, militem, vicecomitem comitat. praedict. ex unâ parte, et *Thomam Atkins*, ballivum villae sive burgi de *Buckingham*, praedict. et burgeses ejusdem villae sive burgi ex alterâ parte: Testatur, quod praedict. ballivus et burgeses villae, sive burgi de *Buckingham* praedict. unanimo assensu et consensu suis, elegerunt *Johannem Jostlyn*, armigerum, et *Radulphum Giffard*, generosum, burgeses dicti burgi, magis sufficientes ad essendum in parlamento Domini Regis apud *Westminster*, tricesimo die *Januarii*, proximo futuro post datum presentium, ad faciendum consentiendum hiis quae tunc et ibidem, de communi consilio regni *Angliae* contingerint ordinari. In cujus rei testimonium tam praefatus vicecomes quam praedict. ballivus, et burgeses sigilla sua alternatim praesentibus apposuerunt. Dat. die, anno, et loco supradicto.

Anno 1 *Edw. VI*, 1547, ex dictis Archivis in Capellâ Rotulorum.

Haec indentura facta 19 *Septembris*, anno primo *Edwardi* Regis sexti, inter *Robertum Drewrye*, militem vice-comitem *Bucks*, ex unâ parte, et *Thomam More*, ballivum villae de *Buckingham*, praedict. *Johannem Wickyns*, *Edwardum Miller*, *Richardum Wyght*, *Johannem Lambert*, *Will. Veysey*, *Thomam Collet*, *Edwardum Mathewson*, *Johannem Catys*, *Robertum Robins*, burgens. villae de *Buckingham*, praedict. ex altera parte; testatur quod virtute warranti praedicti *Roberti Drewrye*, militis, vicecomitis praedict. nobis direct. (recitan. quod breve domini regis summon. parliament. tenendum apud *Westminster*, 4 *Novembris*, proxime futuro, receperat, virtute cujus nobis mandavit quod duos burgeses, inter nos *Idoneos Eligeremus*) inde dictus vicecomes sic certificat. quod dicto 19 die *Septembris*, in curia nostra burgens. tent. apud burgum predictum elegimus *Henric. Cary* et *Johem Jostlyn*, armigeros, per nos elect. parliament. predict. Attendere. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus die et anno supradicto.

Anno.

Anno 6 *Edwardi VI*, 1552.

*Thomas More*, Ballivus *Bucks* et undecim Burgenses eliger. *Edwardum Chamberlayne*, et *Franciscum Verney*, armigeros; Burgenses parliament.

Anno 1 *Mariae*.

*Jobes Lambert*, Ballivus *Bucks*, et Burgenses eliger. *Willbelmum Walter*, armigerum, et *Edwardum Giffard*, gen. Burgenses parliament.

P. 45, l. 35, f. *Sir Thomas Acon*, r. *Saint Thomas*.

P. 49, l. 39, f. *Canvill*, r. *Hanvill*; f. about 1280, r. 1291.

P. 50, l. 4, f. 1676, r. 1667.

P. 53, the Date of the Deed of Conveyance of *Sir Edward Bagot's Estate*, was *June 15, 1667*.

*N. B.* I have been very lately informed that *Dr. Radcliffe* was returned Burgess for *Bramber*, in *Suffex*, Anno 1690.

P. 60, l. 12, r. *Henry Webster*.

P. 63, l. 31, r. *Perturbare*.

P. 65, l. 6, f. *septem*, r. *sextilis*; and r. *Hodson*.

P. 76, l. 27, r. *Parochianorum*.

P. 80, r. *Thomas Chipman*; and for *Frust*, r. *Fust*.

P. 81, besides *Dr. Clarke's Donation in Essex*, to *Bucks Vicarage*, I meet with this Gift of Lands to it.

*Extract of the Deed of Endowment of Bucks Vicarage, from the Trustees of Dr. Perinchief to Mr. Pashler, the then Vicar and his Successors.*

This Indenture, made *April* the 18th, Anno 28th of King *Charles* the second, Anno Domini 1676, between *William Clark*, D. D. Dean of *Winchester*, and *Robert Pocock*, Rector of *Long-Ditton*, in *Surry*, Executors of the last Will and Testament of *Richard Perinchief*, D. D. late Prebendary of the Collegiate Church of *St. Peter* in *Westminster*, deceased, of the one Part; and *Oliver Pashler*, Clerk, Vicar of the parochial Church of [*St. Peter* in] *Buckingham*, of the other Part: WHEREAS the said *Richard Perinchief*, in his last Will and Testament, dated *August 26, 1673*, after several Legacies therein appointed, did give and bequeath the Remainder and Residue of his Goods and Chattels, and personal Estate to the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, and nominate and appoint them Executors upon especial Trust and Confidence, that they should in four Months after his Decease, purchase or buy in some Impropriation in *Hampshire*, or elsewhere, as they might judge most fit, for an yearly Increase of the Vicar, with the Money designed for that Purpose, by the said *Richard Perinchief*. And whereas the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock* have thought fit to purchase the impropriate Lands, and Tythes, herein-after-mentioned, within the Coun-

ty of *Buckingham* for the Purposes aforesaid; and in order thereunto by Indenture *quadri partite*, dated *March 27* last past, and duly inrolled in the Court of Chancery, made between *John Risley*, of *Cbitwood*, in the County of *Buckingham*, Esq; of the first Part, *Thomas Lucas*, of *Buckingham*, Gent. of the second Part; *John Turnham*, of *Buckingham*, Yeoman, of the third Part; and the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, of the fourth Part; THE said *John Risley*, for and in Consideration of the Sum of 280*l.* hath granted, bargained, sold, and confirmed unto the said *William Clark*, *Robert Pocock*, and their Heirs, all that Piece or Parcel of Arable Land, Meadow, and pasture Ground, known by the Name or Names of *Road-piec*, and *Shepcoats Lees*, containing by Estimation 32 Acres, or thereabouts; and all and singular Tythes, as well of Corn, Hay, &c. which at any Time or Times should arise, grow, due or belong to the said Premises, or any Parcel thereof, together with all Ways, Waterings, Passages, Trees, Underwoods, &c. to the said Premises, &c. in any wise belonging or appurtenant; all which said Premises are situated, lying and being in the Field of *Gawcot*, in the Parish of *Buckingham*, and in the Occupation of *John Jeffry*, of *Gawcot*, Yeoman, and were formerly Parcel of the Glebe, Lands and Revenues of the Parsonage, or Prebend of *Buckingham*, cum *Gawcot*: And the said *Thomas Lucas*, for and in Consideration of the Sum of 220*l.* hath granted, bargained, sold and confirmed unto the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, and their Heirs, all that Piece or Parcel of Arable Land, containing by Estimation 12 Acres, lying and being in the *Portfield* of the Prebend of *Buckingham*, cum *Gawcot*, aforesaid, called *Nast Meadow*, which Premises were also Parcel of the Glebe-Land and Revenues of the Parsonage or Prebend of *Buckingham*, cum *Gawcot*; and all and singular Tythes, &c. which should arise, grow, due, or belong to the Premises. And the said *John Turnham*, for and in Consideration of 100*l.* hath by Indenture, granted, bargained, and sold unto the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, and their Heirs, all those his 9 Acres of Arable Land, be the same more or less, lying together in the Parish of *Buckingham*, in the middle Field or *Church-Way Furlong*; which said 9 Acres were also formerly Part of the Glebe-Land and Revenue of the Parsonage and Prebend of *Buckingham*, cum *Gawcot* aforesaid. And the said *John Risley*, *Thomas Lucas*, and *John Turnham*, and their respective Wives, have levied a Fine, sur Cognizance, &c. of the said Premises to the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, to the Use of them and their Heirs, as in by the said Indenture and Fine, more at large appeareth; which said several Sums of 280*l.* 220*l.* and 100*l.* were paid by the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*; and were Parcel of the personal Estate of the said *Richard Perinckief*.

Now this Indenture witnesseth, that for the settling the said Parcels of Lands, Tythes and Premises upon the said *Oliver Pashler*, and his Successors, Vicars of the said Parish-Church of [*St. Peter* in] *Buckingham*, according to the



the Will of the said *Richard Perinchief*, and in Consideration of the Sum of 5*sh.* paid to them the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, by the said *Oliver Pasbler*, THEY the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, have granted, bargained, and confirmed to the said *Oliver Pasbler*, and his Successors and Assigns, all and singular the said Premises and Parcels of Glebe Land, Meadow and Pasture Ground, with all and every their Appurtenances, and the Reversion and Remainders thereof, and all Rents and Services, and all their Rights, Title, and future Claim therein, of them the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, by Virtue of the said recited, Indenture, or otherwise, and all Writings, TO HAVE and to hold the said Pieces or Parcels of Land, Meadow, Pasture, Tythes, Premises, &c. to the said *Oliver Pasbler*, and his Successors, Vicars of *Buckingham*, for evermore, in as large and ample Manner as they the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock* can grant and convey the same.

And the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock* do covenant that they have not at any Time done, committed, or suffered any Act, Manner, or Thing, whereby the Premises hereby granted, or any Part thereof may be impeached or incumbered; but that the said *Oliver Pasbler* and his Successors, Vicars of *Buckingham*, may from Time to Time, and at all Times for ever hereafter peaceably, quietly hold and enjoy the same, without the Let, Trouble, Molestation, &c. or Eviction of them the said *William Clark* and *Robert Pocock*, or any Persons claiming by and from, or under them, or either of them. IN WITNESS whereof the Parties abovenamed to these present Indentures interchangeably their Hands and Seals have set, the Day and Year above-written.

Sealed and delivered  
in the Presence of

*William Hartsley*, Bailiff,  
*John Turner*                      *William Stevens*  
*William Reeve*                  *Hugh Etherfy*  
*Walter Arnett*                  *Pellham Sandwell*  
*Richard Browne*                *Thomas Etherfy*  
*Henry Howard*,  
Capital Burgeses or Aldermen of *Bucks.*

P. 88, l. 24, f. *Gyrelde*, r. *Girdler*.

P. 107, f. *Morris*, r. *Harris*.

P. 109, f. *Nelson*, r. *Huckell*.

#### A D D I N G T O N.

P. 113, l. 5, f. *three*, r. *five*; and f. 44, r. 41; and for *June 7*, r. *January*.

P. 114, r. *Corbett*.

P. 117, l. 39, after *Fes point*, add a *Cinque foyl*.

P. 120,

P. 120, *Robert Whitehall was instituted Sept. 22, 1616, on Sir John Curzon's Presentation.*

ADSTOCK.

P. 124, l. 24, f. *Thorpe*, r. *Thorne*.

P. 125, *The Taxation of this Benefice, Anno 1291, was 10 Marks, and it was rated for first Fruits, Anno 1534, at 13 l. 16 s. 3 d.*

P. 127, l. 44, after Sept. 10, add 1671.

BARTON.

P. 133, *The Grant of this Advowson and Rectory, and of Chetwood, to William Risley, is as follows.*

*Henricus VIII, Dei gratia, Angliae, &c. Rex, omnibus, &c. Sciatis quod nos pro summa centum octoginta et trium librarum, per dilectum nobis Will. Risley, de Chetwood, in com. nostro Bucks, gen. solut. &c. dedimus et concessimus eidem Will. Risley et Alicie uxori ejus, totum man. nostrum de Barton Hartisborne, et totam rectoriam et ecclesiam nostram de Barton Hartisborne, in Co. Bucks, quae fuerunt parcel. possession. et hereditament. nuper Monaster. de Notley, in Co. nostro Bucks, modo dissolut. ac totum man. nostrum de Chetwood; et totam rectoriam et ecclesiam nostram de Chetwood, olim vocat. Le priory de Chetwood, in dicto Co. Bucks; ac advocacon. donationes, &c. et jura patronatum vicariarum ecclesiarum de Barton Hartisborne et Chetwood; ac etiam omnia messuagia, terras, tenementa, prat. &c. decimas, &c. eisdem maneriis et rectoriis de Barton Hartisborne et Chetwood, &c. quoquomodo spectan. &c. necnon unum tenementum et 32 acras terrae in Godington, Co. Oxon, parcel. possession. nuper dicti monaster. necnon unum tenementum, &c. nuper dimiss. Will. Risley, &c. ac omnes terr. eidem tenemento pertinentes, &c. in Preston, et Wotton Underwood, in dicto com. nostro Bucks, parcel. possession. nuper dicti monaster. et totum boscum nostrum vocat Boysters Wood; et totam terram et solum ejusdem bosci, situat. in parochia de Bucks, parcel. possession. dicti nuper monaster. &c. habend. &c. prefato Will. Risley et Alicie uxori ejus, ac heredib. et assignatis ipsorum Will. Risley, imperpetuum tenend. de nobis hered. et successoribus nostris in capite, per servic. vicessimae partis unius feodi milit. reddendo annuè pro premiss. predictis, &c. in Preston et Wotton Underwood, octodecim solidos et octo denar. et pro terr. in Wotton Underwood, viginti denar. &c. Teste me ipso apud Westminster, vicesimo primo die Junii, anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo.*

After this Grant is added this *Nota Bene*. It is to be remembered, that in a Licence made by King Richard the second, in the thirteenth Year of his Reign, as appeareth in the Rolls of the Patents, remaining in the Tower,

<sup>b</sup> Ex MSS. penes Ferdinand Southam, de Winslow, Generosum.

one Sir *John Cbitwood*, Knight, and his Wife, did give the Rectory of *Cbitwood* to the Prior of *Cbitwood*, and his Successors, which Record doth agree well with the Patents of King *Henry* the Eighth concerning the said Rectory.

P. 134, l. 19, r. *Farmer Liffe, of Evenley, in the County of Northampton, Esq;*

#### B E C H A M P T O N.

P. 138, l. 37, f. *nere*, r. *here*.

P. 140, l. 31, f. *Nephew*, r. *Great Nephew*; and for *Sister's Son*, r. *Grandson*; also in P. 129, l. 34, r. *Great Grandson* and *Great Nephew*.

P. 141, *The Deed of Union of the two Medieties of this Church, in the Archives of the See of Lincoln, is as follows.*

Ex Registro *J. Cbedworth*, Episcopi *Lincoln*, inter ejus Memoranda, folio 103.

Universis Christi fidelibus praesentes litteras inspecturis vel audituris, *Johannes* permissione divina *Lincoln*. Episcopus, salutem, ac fidem certam et induciam praesentibus adhibere. Noverit universitas vestra, quod nos die et loco dicto praesentium, negotio unionis, annexionis, consolidationis, redintegrationis, ac incorporationis, duarum medietatum ecclesiae parochialis de *Bechampton*, nostrae dioecesis judicialiter sedentes, et legitime procedentes; quandam sententiam unionis, annexionis, consolidationis, redintegrationis, et incorporationis dictarum duarum medietatum, ecclesiae antedictae, in scriptis reductae, de consensu, assensu, voluntate, et petitione eorum omnium quorum interest in hac parte, consilio jurisperitorum, nobis in hac parte assistentium, causae cognitione et juris ordine in hac parte requisitae, debita, ut praemittitur observatis, fecimus, legimus, et interposuimus, ac dictas duas medietates ecclesiae ante dictae univimus, anneximus, consolidavimus, redintegravimus, et incorporavimus, in scriptis sub verborum tenore, qui sequitur, et est talis.

IN DEI NOMINE AMEN: Auditis et plenius intellectis per nos *Johannem* permissione divinâ *Lincoln*. Episcopum meritis et circumstantiis causae sive negotii, unionis, annexionis, redintegrationis, consolidationis, et incorporationis duarum medietatum ecclesiae parochialis de *Bechampton* nostrae dioecesis juxta omnem vim, formam et effectum summariae petitionis per dilectos in Christo filios Priorem et Conventum de *Luffield*, ordinis sancti *Benedicti*, et per *Wilhelmum Foster*, et *Johannam* uxorem ejusdem, ac *Johannem Pigot*, patronos earundum medietatum ecclesiae antedictae nobis oblatae in scriptis reductae, quae continebat in effectum, quod portiones dictarum medietatum ecclesiae memoratae, quarum una ad presentationem dicti prioris et conventus, et altera ad presentationem praefatorum *Willbel-*  
mi,

*mi, Jobannae, et Jobannis* spectant, propter earum exilitates diu vacaverunt, et adhuc vacant; et tam per paupertatem, raritatem, et paucitatem incolarum, et inhabitantium dictam villam, quam per sterilitatem terrarum et defectum culturae in suis facultatibus et proventibus, adeo decreverunt et diminutiva existunt ac exiles, quod hujusmodi portiones ac omnia emolumenta quaecunque ad medietates dictae ecclesiae pertinentia ac spectantia, et ex eis qualitercunque obvenientia, et provenientia, ad sustentationem unius rectoris vix sufficiunt, his diebus: Quare nobis supplicarunt patroni antedicti, quatenus prefatis causis praemissis, et eorum circumstantiis universis, de opportuno remedio providere dignemur, et ne dicta ecclesia propter defectum occasione praemissorum divinis defraudetur obsequiis, dictas medietates ecclesiae praedictae, et praesentationes dictorum Prioris et Convent. una vice, et *Willbellmi Foster, et Jobannae, uxoris suae, et Jobannis Pigot,* praedict. altera vice, ut praefertur, pertinentes redintegrare, unire, annectere, consolidare, incorporare, et in unum corpus redigere, ac per unum rectorem regi ac gubernari decernere, ordinare, statuere perpetuo dignaremur. Quia per inquisitiones et alias probationes legitimas auctoritate nostra in hac parte adhibitas atque factas invenimus omnia et singula in dicta petitione suggesta, continere per omnia veritatem; idcirco vocatis omnibus et singulis, de jure in hac parte vocandis, habentibus nos diem et locum, ex citatione, et prefixione auctoritate nostra sibi factis ad interessendum, necnon ad proponendum, et probandum in formam juris suum interesse et jus in hujusmodi causa sive negotio, si quod habuerunt in hac parte, ut ad proponendum etiam in forma juris causa rationabiliter si quam habuerunt objicere, sciant quare dictas duas medietates ecclesiae praedictae ratione praemissorum annectere, reintegrare, consolidare, ac in unum corpus redigere minime debeamus; quibus sic vocatis et praecognitis nihilque dato vel proposito contra hujusmodi unionem dictarum duarum medietatum ecclesiae antedictae faciend. Ipsas duas medietates ecclesiae memoratae, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, ex causa praedicta de consiliis juris peritorum nobis in hac parte assistentium, et de consilio et assensu Decani et Capituli ecclesiae nostrae *Lincoln.* in hac parte adhibitis, duximus fore uniend. et reintegrand. et in unum corpus redigend. ac *Christi* nomine, primitus invocato de consensu et assensu patronum praedictorum ac Archidiaconi nostri *Bucks,* unimus, annectimus, et redintegramus, ac in unum corpus redigimus et incorporamus, Decernentes hujusmodi medietatis ecclesiae antedictae futuris temporibus; ad praesentationem dictorum patronorum, et eorum heredum et successorum alternis vicibus, et primo ad praesentationem dictorum Prioris et Conventus pro proxima et prima vacatione fore spectantes, salva nobis, pro nostro tempore, et successoribus nostris Episcopis *Lincoln.* qui pro tempore fuerint annua pensione duorum solidorum sterlingorum nobis et successoribus nostris Episcopis *Lincoln.* sede plena, et, ipsa vacante, Decano et Capitulo ecclesiae nostrae *Lincoln.* seu nuncio nostro, in hac parte deputato; ac salva pensione annua xii*d.* sterling archidiacono *Bucks,* pro tempore existente de ejus assensu et consensu in festo sancti *Michaelis,* archi-

angeli, perpetuis futuris temporibus per rectorem dictarum duarum medietatum ecclesiae antedictae pro tempore existentem, ratione et ex causa indemnitate, ecclesiae nostrae *Lincoln*. servandae, solvendae, et satisfaciendae; ad qua quidem pensiones annuas in forma praedicta, et in termino praedicto solvendas hujusmodi Rectorem pro tempore, ibidem existentem, et ecclesiam antedict. de consensu eorum quorum interest in hac parte oneramus, et ipsum rectorem ad hoc faciendum compellendum fore per quamcunque censuram ecclesiasticam decernimus, ipsasque pensiones rectori hujusmodi, et ecclesiae antedictae indicimus et imponimus sententialiter, et definitive in his scriptis; salva semper pensione annua decem solidorum praefato priori et conventus ab antiquo, ac juribus Episcopalibus et Archidiaconi, et ecclesiae nostrae *Lincoln* dignitate in omnibus semper salvis. In quorum omnium testimonium atque fidem sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat. *Oxon* quinto die *Maii*, anno millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, et nostrae consecrationis anno xviii.

*After this in the Luffield Register, where the above Deed is entered, in a contracted Manner, it is noted as follows.*

*Johannes, Episcopus Lincoln, &c. dilecto, &c. domino Henrico Dye presbytero, salutem, gratiam, et Benedictionem. Ad ecclesiam parochialem de Bechampton, &c. ad quam per religiosos viros, priorem et conventum de Luffield, dictae ecclesiae hac vice patronos, vos nobis presentatus existitis admittimus, &c. Dat. 5 die Maii, anno 1470, et consecrationis nostrae xviii.*

P. 144, l. 1, f. 1579, or 1580, r. 1578.

P. 149, *William Kent intruded into this Rectory about the Year 1647, and held it about six Years, and after him.*

#### B I T L E S D E N.

P. 151, *besides the Estates of this Abby bere given, the Convent had in Rents at Eversaw 3l. 3s. 4d. and at Helmden 7l. 7s. 4d. and at Syresham 6l. 7s. 2d.*

The Reprisals and Deductions paid out of their Revenues, as the same are entered at the *First-Fruits* Office, when the Survey was made 26 *Hen. VIII*, 1534, are as follow.

#### R E S O L U T I O N E S.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Domino Regi pro Terris in <i>Dodford</i>	0	6	10
Eidem Domino Regi pro Terris in <i>Thornborough</i>	0	1	4
Abbati <i>Westmonast.</i> pro Terris in <i>Turweston</i>	0	7	4
Do-			

	l.	s.	d.
Domino Regi pro Terris in <i>Everfaw</i>	0	12	0
Abbati <i>Westm.</i> pro quiet. pro dictis Terris	3	15	8
Domino Regi pro Terris in <i>Whitfeild</i>	0	0	2
Domino <i>Zouch</i> pro Molendino in <i>Houghton</i> , vocat. <i>Clif-</i> <i>ford's Mill</i>	2	13	4
Abbati <i>Leicester</i> pro Terris in <i>Syresbam</i>	0	6	8
Et <i>Will. Dormer</i> pro Terris ibidem	0	0	6
Domino Regi pro Terris in <i>Becking-Stocking</i>	0	13	0.
Feod. <i>Rich. Cromwell</i> Auditoris	2	0	0
Feod. <i>Rogeri Wigston</i> capitalis seneschalli	2	0	0.
Feod. <i>Rogeri Benet</i> ballivi et collectoris	2	0	0.
Feod. <i>Roberti Griffin</i> ballivi de <i>Helmedon</i> .	0	6	8
Archidiacono de <i>Northampton</i> pro Rectoria de <i>Lewes We-</i> <i>don</i>	0	10	7½
Archidiacono <i>Glocester</i> pro Rectoria de <i>Ebrington</i>	0	4	6
Pensio solut. Capellano ad celebrand. pro animabus <i>Jo-</i> <i>hanis Breasche, Hugonis Dunster</i> et <i>Alicie</i> uxoris ejus, <i>Richardi Staunton</i> , et successor. infra capellam sancti <i>Aegidii de Litelcote</i>	4	0	0
Pensio annualis exeunt. ex Rector. de <i>Lewes-wedon</i>	0	3	4
Pensio epif. <i>Wigorn</i> exeunt. ex Rectoria de <i>Ebrington</i>	0	13	4
Pensio Archidiacono <i>Glocester</i> ex dicta Rectoria	0	7	4
Et ex dicta Rectoria Priori <i>Wigorn</i> .	0	13	4
Pensio soluta Priorissae Sancte <i>Margaretæ Ivinghoe</i> .	2	0	0
Pensio soluta Vicario de <i>Ebrington</i>	6	0	0
<i>Elemosyna</i> , Tempore Quadragesimali distribut. pro Anima <i>Arnoldi de Bosco</i> , fundatoris hujus Monasterii.	6	0	0
Diversis Pauperibus per <i>Ann</i> .	0	3	4

Summa Totalis Reprisalium £. 36 16 11½

Et sic remanet clare ut antea memorat 125. 4 3½

P. 154, In *Susan Peckham's Epitaph*, l. 15 and 16, r. thus, viz. f. *know*  
r. *bid*; and next l. r. *her Husband dear*.

P. 155, l. 38, f. 1614, r. 1616; and l. 46, f. 65, r. 653.

P. 158, *The last Abbat procured from King Henry VIII, a Continuation of this*  
*Abbey, by the following Letters Patent, dated 1536, Anno Regni 28.*

Rex inter alia concedit *Richardo Grene*, abbatiam et capitalem gubernatio-  
nem monasterii, sive abbatiæ *Beatae Mariæ de Bittleiden*, et quod prae-  
dictum monasterium sive abbatiæ permanebit in eodem suo essentiali sta-  
tu.

tu, prout fuit ante confectionem actus parliamenti absque dissolutione hujus modi abbatiae. Et concessit praedictae abbatiae omnia dominia, maneria, messuagia, terras, et omnes rectorias, advocaciones, et patronatus ecclesiarum, capellarum, cantuariarum, &c. eidem monasterio spectantium; tenendum in puram et perpetuam *Elemosynam*, &c. Teste *August* 17.

## CAVERSFEILD.

P. 165, *In the Register of Missenden-Abbey, folio 31 and 61, I meet with these Deeds relating to Caversfeild.*

Anno Dominicae Incarnationis 1164, facta est carta *Rogeri Gargate*, de ecclesiâ de *Caversfeild*.

Notum sit omnibus, quod ego *Rogerus Gargate*, assensu et concessione *Agnetae* uxoris meae dedi, &c. ecclesiae *Beatae Mariae de Missenden*, ecclesiam de *Caversfeild*, pro salute domini Regis et dominae Reginae, et domini mei comitis et comitissae de *Warren*, et pro salute mea et natorum meorum, &c. in perpetuam *Elemosynam*, cum vii aeris terrae, &c. de dominio meo, &c. et dimidiam hidam terrae, &c. Volo itaque et praecipio quatenus quod praedicti canonici habeant et teneant in perpetuum post decessum *Guidonis* clerici praedictam ecclesiam. His testibus *Hugone de Nivers*, et *Willhelmo* filio suo, *Roberto* filio *Aumari*; *Revennis de Missenden*, *Richardo de Chenebell*, *Gilberto de Chenebell*, *Willhelmo Giffard*, &c.

Carta *Roberti*, Episcopi *Lincoln* de *Caversfeild*, Ecclesia.

*Robertus* Dei gratia *Lincoln*. Episcopus, universis catholicae ecclesiae filiis salutem. Justis dilecti filii nostri *Petri* abbatis *Missenden*, et ejusdem loci fratrum annuentes desideriis, ecclesiam de *Caversfeild* donatione et de presentatione domini *Rogeri Gargate*, eis concessimus et perpetuo assignavimus ipsam itaque ecclesiam in perpetuam elemosynam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sicut carta advocacionis testatur ecclesiae de *Missenden*, et fratribus ibidem domini obsequio mancipatis confirmamus, et sigilli nostri attestacione communivimus; salva in omnibus *Lincoln*. eccl. dignitate, et salva *Guidonis* clerici possessione quam diu vixerit. Testibus *Roberto Foliot*, archidiacono, *Oxenford*, magistro *Richardo Daun*, cancellario *Lincoln*, *Martino Theaurario*, &c.

*Ex eodem Registro de Missenden, folio 79.*

Vicaria in ecclesiâ de *Caversfeild*, quae est Abbatis et conventus de *Missenden*, auctoritate consilii ordinata consistit in toto alteragio, et in omnibus minutis decimis, et in medietate omnium decimarum de tribus virgatis terrae in villa de *Stretton*; et in manso competenti cum duabus aeris terrae;  
unam

unam scilicet in uno campo, et aliam, in alio; et solvet vicarius synodalia tantum; canonici vero hospitium Archidiaconi procurabunt.

N. B. This Appropriation was established about the Year 1222.

B. 166, l. 21, f. *Conveyance*, r. *Grant*.

P. 167, l. 6, f. *Audley*, r. *Ardaley*.

P. 168, l. last, r. 1735.

B. 170, l. 14, f. *engraven*, r. *Hands conjoined*.

C H E T W O O D.

P. 172, l. 5, f. 90, r. 60.

P. 173, *The Award made for uniting the Parish Church to the Priory Church, and making the Priory Church the Parochial Church, is as follows. And after that is the Appropriation of the Parish of Chetwood, from the Registers of Lincoln.*

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: Whereas I *John*, Bishop of *Lincoln*, appointed Arbitrator and Judge between the religious Men, *Peter Caversham*, Abbat of the Monastery of our blessed Lady and St. *John Baptist*, of *Notley*, of St. *Augustine's* Order, within our Diocese of *Lincoln*, and the Convent of the same Place, Proprietors of the Parish Church of old Time Conventual of *Chetwood*, together with the Chapel of St. *Martin*, depending on the same Church, of the one Party, and *William Newenham*, Esq. *Fulk Wodebill*, and *Anne* his Wife, and *John Wodebill*, of the other Party, indifferently chosen and elected, to judge and appoint indifferently between the said Parties, of and for the Celebration of the divine Sacraments and Sacramentals; and of the ministring, receiving, and taking up of other ecclesiastical Rights in the said Parish Church and Chapel; and also for the coming of the Parishioners thither in the same Church and Chapel for the hearing of their divine Service, and for receiving of holy Sacraments, and for making of their Oblations of Offerings there, have of late set forth in writing our Decree, Ordinance, and Judgment, of and for the Premises, and for all other Matters, more fully contained within the same Decree or Judgment; the Tenure whereof followeth, and is thus,

To all *Christian* People to whom this present Writing indented shall come, *John*, Bishop of *Lincoln*, and Keeper of the King's privy Seal, sendeth greeting, in our Lord God everlasting; whereas *Peter Caversham*, Abbat of the Monastery of our Lady, and St. *John Baptist*, of *Notley*, on the one Party, and *William Newenham* and *Fulk Wodebill*, on the other Party, were bounden each to the other in the Sum of 200 Marks by their several Obligations, that the said Abbat and Convent of *Notley* aforesaid, and the said *William Newenham*, *Fulk Wodebill*, and *Anne*, Wife of the same *Fulk*, and one *John Wodebill*, on that other Party, should keep, hold, and obey the Arbitrement, Ordinance, and Judgment of the said Bishop,



shop, Arbitrator between the said Parties, indifferently chosen, as well of and upon the Right, Title, Possession, and Interest of all such divine Service, as the said *William, John Wodebill, Fulk, and Anne*, or any of them, claim to be found, done, or caused to be done, by the said Abbat, his Predecessors or Successors in any Place, and of the Title of Distress claim'd in any Lands or Tenements of the said Abbot, for the non-doing of the said Service, or any Parcel of them, as of the Right, Title, and Possession of all the Lands, Tenements, and Advowsons, being in Variance between the said Parties in *Cbitwood*, in the County of *Bucks*; and also and upon all Manner of Actions, Demands, and Causes of Actions, special and temporal between the said Parties had, moved, or depending: And we the said Bishop, taking upon us the Labour and Charge of such Arbitrament, at the special Request and Desire of both Parties, for the Rest, Tranquillity, and Ease of them, their Servants, and Tenants, Parishioners of *Cbitwood*, the Titles, Claims, and Interest of either Parties, of and upon the Premises by us heard, examined, and understood; award, ordain, and deem, in Manner and Form following.

*First*, That the Church, late Conventual of the Priory of *Cbitwood*, shall be and abide for evermore, the Parish Church for Administration of all Sacraments and Sacramentals, and other divine Service pertaining to the Parishioners of *Cbitwood*, to be had and ministred according to the Form, Tenor, and Effect of a Decree of Union by *John Chadworth*, our Predecessor thereof, late made; and that the old Church of *St. Martin*, in *Cbitwood*, aforesaid, shall be reputed and taken a Chapel, depending of the said sometime Conventual now Parish Church newly reared, as long as the said Chapel, at the Costs and Charges of the Parishioners aforesaid, shall be repaired and sustained in Ornaments, and other Dues requisite to a Chapel; and that the said Parishioners and Inhabitants now being, and their Successors, shall take and repute the said Church, late Conventual and now Parish Church, for their Parish Church, and none other for Sacraments and Sacramentals, to be perceived, and divine Service at convenient Times, there to be heard; and also that the said Parishioners and Inhabitants, and their Successors, shall pay all their Tythes and Oblations, which of old Time they ought or were accustomed yearly to yield to the said Priory, or to their immediate Curate of *Cbitwood*, to the Parish Church, late Conventual, and now Parochial. And also the said Abbot and his Successors shall not be charged in Administration of Sacraments nor Sacramentals, nor doing of divine Service, or other Rights parochially in the said Chapel of *St. Martin*, except such as be underwritten; that is to say, that the said Abbat and his Successors shall provide, that in the festival Days following of the Year, that is, to wit, in the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the Feast of *Epiphany*, called *Twelfth-Day*, *Purification of our Lady*, *Easter-Day*, *Ascension of our Lord*, *Whitsunday*, *Trinity-Sunday*, *Corpus Christi-Day*, *Relicke-Sunday*, *the Assumption of our Lady*, *Nativity of our Lady*, *Allhallowen-Day*, *the Dedication of the Chapel*, and the Feast of *St.*

St. *Martin* in the Winter, in whose Honour the said Chapel is dedicate, divine Service, that is to say, Matins and Mass in the said Chapel shall be done at the Cost and Charge of the said Abbat and his Successors for evermore; provided always, that the said Parochians shall come to Procession and high Mass upon their Offering-Days at Seasons in the said Parish of *Chitwood*, of old time accustomed, and do their Oblations in the said now Parish Church of *Chitwood*, after the Mass said in the said Chapel. Also that the Feast of Dedication as well of the said Chapel as of the said Parish Church, shall be kept and served with divine Service yearly upon one Day; that is to say, the same Day of *May* that the Dedication of the said Chapel, sometime Parish Church, was wont to be solemnized in; also the said Abbat and Convent of the House of *Notley*, by their Indenture under their common Seal, shall make a sufficient and sure Grant in the Law, to the said *John Wodebill* and his Heirs for ever. That the Abbat and his Successors shall cause every Day by the Year, (*Christmas-Day*, *Easter-Day*, and two Days next before *Easter-Day* and *Ascension-Day* only excepted) one of the Canons of *Notley*, to make and say a special Commemoration in the Mass of *Requiem*, or other Mass, for the Souls of the Ancestors and Heirs of *John Chitwood*, Knt. in the Name and Place of the Chanon, which the said *John Wodebill* claimeth to have, within the Priory of *Chitwood*, by an old Deed which we have seen. And that the said *William Newenham* and *Fulk* shall deliver, or cause to be delivered and restored, to the said Abbat and Convent the said Deed, whereby the said *Fulk Wodebill* claimeth to have the said Chanon found singing in the said Priory of *Chitwood*; this to be done of either Party at this said Feast of *Easter* next to come. Also it shall be lawful to the said Abbat and his Successors, to remove the Font baptismal from the Chapel of St. *Martyn* to the said Parish Church; and that the Chancel of the said Chapel be taken down, as well Timber, Stone, Walls, Lead, Seats, within the said Chapel Chancel, as other things to the same belonging, and them to carry away to the said Parish Church for the Reparation of the same; provided always, that as much of the Stone and Stuff of the said Chancel be left there as shall suffice to close the East-End of the same Chancel, betwixt the two Altars in the same Chapel now being, and that neither the said Abbat nor his Successors, *Fulk Wodebill*, his Heirs, neither the Parochians of *Chitwood*, at any Time hereafter, shall cast down Trees growing in the Cemetery of the said Chapel, but shall suffer the said Trees now there growing, and that hereafter shall grow, to remain and stand still to defend Winds and Tempests. And that it shall be lawful to the said Abbat and Convent to take them as their own; and that the said *Fulk* and his Heirs shall have the Profit of the Grass of the Cemetery of the said Chapel, whereby he and his said Heirs shall discharge the said Abbat and his Successors of the Reparation of the Clausure of the same Cemetery, and every Part thereof. And also that the said *Fulk Wodebill*, his Heirs and Assigns and Parochians of the said Town of *Chitwood*, shall have Ways by us or our Deputies to

be assigned, over and thro' the Clofures and Pastures of the said Abbat and Convent to go to the said Parish Church, and from thence when and as often as they shall liken and please; and that the said *Fulk* and Parishioners shall make or cause to be made, all such Yate and Yates at the Entre and Out-Gate of the said Clofes and Pastures, as by us or our said Deputy shall be thought necessary; and the said Yate and Yates, so made, to be kept and sustained at the Costs and Charges of the said Parochians for ever; reserving to us and our Successors, Bishops of *Lincoln*, the Affignation and Limitation of the said Ways, so as they shall always endure unto any Time between this Day and *Michaelmas* next to come; and also Power to declare any Ambiguity or Doubt which might happen in any of the Premises at any Time to come hereafter.

*Finally*, we deem and award, that either of the said Parties keeping the Premises, by them and their Heirs, in Manner and Form afore expressed, be quit and discharged against other, of and for all Manner of Trespases and Offences, done by any of them to others, before the Feast of *St. Michael* last past. In *Witness* whereof, as well we the said Arbitrators to either Part of this Indenture, as the said Abbat and his Convent, and *William Newenham*, for him and all other of his Party before rehearsed, to the same interchangeably have set our Seals. *Given* the 29th Day of *November*, in the twentieth Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Fourth.

But afterwards the said Parties appearing sufficiently before us, and accepting our Arbitration and Ordinance in the Premises, have humbly and instantly required and prayed us, that we would vouchsafe to confirm and strengthen for ever, with our ordinary Authority, our said Arbitrament and Decree, with every Branch and Article contained in the same Article: Wherefore, I the said Bishop, wishing for my Part Tranquillity, Concord, and Rest, as well of the said Parties as of the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the Church of *Cbitwood*; *Edmund Flower*, *John Bale*, *Henry Herring*, *Robert Warre*, *William Collys*, *Simon Coleburst*, *William Wellby*, *John Cbandeler*, and *William Wykks*, Inhabitants of the said Town of *Cbitwood* and Parishioners there, appearing before us, in the Parish Church of *Cbitwood*, have then and there accepted, allowed, and ratified, with one full Assent and Consent, for them, their Heirs and Successors, all and singular Matters decreed and ordained by us as is aforesaid in the said Arbitrament: And we for our Part do confirm and allow with our ordinary pontifical Authority, all and singular Decrees and Ordinances contained in the said Arbitrament, strictly commanding and charging, that all and singular Articles in the said Arbitrament contained and specified, be for ever inviolably observed and kept of the said Parties and their Successors; and also of the Parishioners of the Church of *Cbitwood*, for the Time being. Furthermore, to the End that all Matter of Question or Doubt that may arise between the said Abbat and Convent of *Notley*, and their Successors, and the Parishioners of *Cbitwood*, may utterly be avoided by their own Will and Consent, of and for the repairing of the said Parish Church and

Ornaments

Ornaments thereof, we will and ordain, and by our Authority do determine, that the Abbat and Convent of the Monastery of *Notley*, take upon them and acknowledge all and all Manner of Reparations of *Navis Ecclesiae*, the Parish Church conventual of *Cbitwood* aforesaid, and the Steeple thereof, and of all Books and Vestments and other Ornaments, whatsoever they be, at their own proper Costs and Charges for ever, so that the Parishioners of *Cbitwood* for the Time being be quitted for ever for repairing or building of the said Church or Steeple, or from repairing or sustaining, and from buying of any Books, Vestments, or other Ornaments whatsoever they be; moreover, we intending to finish our said Arbitraments, within the Time appointed and limited to us for the same, do ordain, assign and determine that the Inhabitants of the Lord's House, or Manor of *Cbitwood* aforesaid, and the Parishioners of the same for the Time being, may have free going through a great Close of the same Manor to the Parish Church, for the hearing of their divine Service; and also to have free ingress and regress through a certain Close of the said Abbat and Convent of *Notley*, called *Churchbrigg*, and to have the same Path-Way, by the which the Dwellers in the said Manor, were wont of old Custom to come from the said Manor unto the Priory of *Cbitwood*. Also that the Parishioners may have likewise coming and going through the same Close, called *Church-Breake*, to the South-End of the same Close butting upon *West-Green*; and also to have their coming and going to the Church through another Close of the said Abbat and Convent of *Notley*, called *Town-Breche*, upon the North Part of the same Close, butting upon *West-Green*, so that the Inhabitants of *Cbitwood* may make on the East-Part of the same Close, one only Way through the same Close. In Witness whereof we have put our Seals to these Presents the 12th Day of *March*, Anno Domini 1480, and in the third Year of our Consecration.

P. 176. *Union of the Parish Church to the Priory.*

*Appropriatio Ecclesiae de Chetwode Prioratus ejusdem, Tempore Johannis Buckingham, Episcopi Lincoln facta.*

Universis, &c. *Johannes Linc.* Episcopus salutem &c. cum prior et conventus de *Chetwode*, ordinis Sancti *August. Linc.* dioc. per petitionem mentionem facient. quod ejusdem prioratus à prima fundatione omnes redditus, non exceſſerunt annum valorem quindecim marcarum sterlingorum, appropriatarum ad sustentationem canonicorum et alias necessarias domus expensas exonerandas, et quod expensae prioratus per sterilitatem agrorum et alia infortunia illi accidentia, per istam concessionem minime valent exonerari; nos supplicaverunt ut ecclesiam situatam in eadem parochia qua prioratus dicto prioratus annecteremus; nos igitur ob has causas, et cum dictae ecclesiae annuus valor non excedit duodecim marc. sterling. unionem dictae ecclesiae

clesiae prioratui praedicto necessariam opinamur: Quare cum consensu decani et capituli *Linc.* ecclesiam praedictam dicto prioratui appropriamus; et volumus quod rector ecclesiae praedictae de *Chetwode* (quae nunc vacat) ejus fructus et proventus percipiat per dictum priorem qui curam habebit animarum parochianorum dictae ecclesiae, &c. Dat. apud *Sleford*, 1 Julii 1391.

#### A Bond from the Prior for Performance of the Covenant.

P. 176, f. *Brackete*, r. *Brackley*.

#### EDGCOTB.

- P. 181, l. 20, f. *Alanus*, r. *Almarus*.
- P. 182, l. 6, r. *de Honore Giffard*.
- P. 183, l. 14, r. *Twyford*.
- P. 184, l. 34, r. *Wodewyle*.

#### FORSCOT.

- P. 186, The two Dates are transposed in Lines 28 and 30, where in l. 28, f. 1333, r. 1320; and in l. 30, f. 1220, r. 1333.
- P. 187, l. 5, f. *suffered a Fine and Recovery*, r. *levied a Fine*.
- P. 188, l. 18, f. *Audley*, r. *Audrey*.
- P. 191, l. 17, after *Baronetskip*, add *Anno 1711*.

#### HILLESDEN.

- P. 192, l. 20, r. *Villam*.
- P. 198, l. 22, after *done* make a Break, and begin a new Line with *Anno 1680*.

#### LEKHAMPSTED.

- P. 205, l. 41, r. 1597.
- P. 209, l. 1, r. *very ordinary*.
- P. 211, *John Hooker*, Rector died suddenly at *Massworth*, and was buried there without any Memorial. F. *Bunbill*, r. *in Burrell*.

#### LILLINGSTON.

- P. 213, l. 26, after *There are*, add *six Copyholders, and five*
- P. 214, In the References for 462, r. 452.

P. 220,

P. 220, l. 36, f. *Hen.* III, r. *Edw.* III.

F. 222, l. 16, for *Feb.* 27, r. *Feb.* 22.

## LUFFIELD.

P. 224, *The Rental of this Priory as it stands in the Register-Book of Luffield, in the Archives of the Abbey Church of Westminster, is as follows.*

Rentale Ecclesiae Sanctae Mariae de *Luffield*, renovat Anno Regni Regis Edwardi primi 17, Anno Domini 1289.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
De diversis tenentibus	1	4	11
De tenentibus in <i>Eversaw</i>	1	12	2
De tenentibus in <i>Buckingham</i>	0	7	6
De tenentibus in <i>Chalkmore</i>	0	1	4
In <i>Langport</i> 9 s. 8 d. In <i>Acle</i> unam libram cere			
In <i>Lekbampsted</i>	0	5	0
In <i>Lillingston</i> [ <i>Dayrell</i> ]	0	9	8
In <i>Lillingston</i> major [ <i>Lovel</i> ]	0	13	8
In <i>Bechampton</i>	1	11	10
In <i>Stonistratford</i> 2 s. In <i>Wolverton</i> 10 s. In <i>Salden</i> 2 s. 6 d.			
In <i>Thornborough</i>	6	11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
In <i>Braklee</i> 4 s. In <i>Silveston</i> 4 s. 2 d.			
In <i>Sbaldeston</i>	2	15	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
In <i>Wittlebury</i>	0	9	1
In <i>Towcester</i>	0	12	5
In <i>Boicote</i> 12 d. In <i>Blaconesle</i> [i. e. <i>Blakeley</i> 9 s.]			
In <i>Middleton</i> 12 d. In <i>Brockhole</i> a Pound of Pepper.			
In <i>Dodford</i>	2	16	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
In <i>Heyford</i>	1	1	4
In <i>Bedford</i>	0	3	0

Total as cast up, was 22 6 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Here were also then paid by their Tenants in these Places thirty Capons and seventy-seven Hens.

In

In another Rental entered in the said Register, renovat. Anno 8 *Edw.* IV, Anno Domini 1468, by *Will. Rogers* the then Prior, are the following Payments specified, viz.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
In <i>Thornborough</i> two Capons, and in Rents	5	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
In <i>Whittlebury</i>	0	7	4
In <i>Lillingston Dayrell</i> two Hens. In <i>Westbury</i>	0	6	8
In <i>Towcester</i> , Co. <i>Northampton</i>	1	5	0
In <i>Dodford</i> six Hens and in Rents	2	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
In <i>Maidford</i> 2s. 8d. In <i>Blaconesle</i> 7s.			
In <i>Silveston</i>	2	15	0
Et in <i>Silveston</i>	8	0	10
Et etiam in <i>Silveston</i>	2	14	3
In <i>Bechampton</i>	0	13	0
In <i>Heyford</i>	1	6	4
In <i>Wolverton</i>	2	2	6

Total as cast up here, 21 10 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

#### MAIDS-MORTON.

- P. 231, l. 26. after *Roof*, add *of*, and l. last for *the*, r. *a*.  
P. 233, The total Contents of the Glebe Land of the Rectory of *Maiden-Moreton* (as it is called in some Accounts) is 24 Acres and 1 Yard.

#### MERSH-GIBWEN.

- P. 238, l. 6, f. *Demefnes*, r. *Possessions*. The Donation of *Dela Pole* was not granted, but confirmed by King *Henry* the VIth's Letters Patent; and the Estate has not remained under certain Demifes, but continued in the Tenure of the Hospital, by Virtue of the Founder's Gift ever since.  
P. 239, The Cook's Company were incorporated Anno 22 *Edw.* IV, not in his 12th Year. It does not appear in *Plowden* when they were first seized of this Manor; of which a Fine was levied Anno 1531, but no Recovery was then passed.  
P. 240, l. 8, dele *or the Physick Professor of Oxford University*; and l. 19, for *There* r. *Three*.

#### PRESTON.

- P. 250, *John Cater* the Purchaser of this Manor held his first Court here, Anno 6 *Caroli* I, 1631. For *Thomas*, r. *Edmund Major*.

## RADCLIFF.

- P. 256, The Pension of 12 l. *per Annum* paid by the Rector to *New College*, was settled on that Society by Mrs. *Laetitia Williams*, Neice to Dr. *Henry Stringer*, the ejected Warden, *Anno* 1648, who having endowed the Rectory with two Yard-Land, allotted that Payment to issue out of her Benefaction to the said College.

## SHALSTON.

- P. 261, *The Donation of Lands here to Luffield Priory, in Luffield Register, is as follows.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos praesens scriptum pervenerit, dominus *Will. Baynell*, filius domini *Will. Baynell*, dominus de *Saldeston*, salutem in domino sempiternam: Noveritis me concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse, pro salute animae meae et *Royse* uxoris meae, omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, Deo et *Beatae Mariae de Luffield*, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes terras et tenementa, cum eorum pertinentiis, in viis, aquis, et omnimodis libertatibus, qualitercunque dictis terris et tenementis pertinentibus; quas dicti monachi de feodo meo infra villam de *Saldeston* et extra habent, et in posterum quocunque modo sunt adquisituri vel habituri, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam eleemosynam, Tenend. et habend. dicta tenementa, cum terris, redditibus, messuagiis, et eorum tenentibus, escheatis, et juribus omnimodis pertinentiis, pratis et pasturis, cum omnibus suis libertatibus commodis et aysiamenis, pannagiis, dictis terris et tenementis pertinentibus, adeo liberè et quiete ac pure ab omnibus curiarum sectis et secularibus servitiis, exactionibus, et omnimodis demandis, quae ullo modo, vel ullo jure, vel aliquo casu contingente, ab aliquo homine vel aliquâ feminâ, nomine dictorum tenementorum ac terrarum, et eorum tenentium ac pertinentium, exigere poterunt: Salvo omni Regi servitio pro dictis tenementis et terris sibi debitis. Et ego vero dictus *Will. Baynell*, et heredes mei, et mei assignati, dictas terras et tenementa, cum omnimodis eorum pertinentiis, sicut praedictum est, dictis monachis et eorum successoribus, contra omnes gentes sicut puram et perpetuam eleemosynam, warrantizabimus et quietabimus, et ubique defendemus in perpetuum; et ut haec mea concessio et praesentis scripti mei confirmatio rata et stabilis in perpetuum perseveret, huic praesenti scripto sigillum meum apposui; hiis testibus, domino *Simone de Sancto Licio*, *Jordano* fratre suo; *Elya de Tingewiek*, tunc forestraio; *Rich. Grisset*; *Will. de Brundeston*; *Rich. Clerico, de Silveston*; *Waltero Frankelene, de Saldeston*; et multis aliis.



*The Deed of Trust referred to in Page 263, is as follows.*

Haec indentura facta inter *Alanum de Ayete* ex parte una, *Jobannem Barton*, seniore, *Jobannem Barton*, juniore, *Willbelmum*, vicarium ecclesiae de *Stow*, *David*, rectorem ecclesiae de *Sbaldeston*, *Jobannem Smith*, de *Buckingham*, ex parte alterâ, testatur, quod cum praedictus *Alanus*, per cartam suam dederit et concesserit, praedicto *Jobanni*, *Jobanni*, *Willbeimo*, *David*, et *Jobanni*, inter alia maneria, terras, et tenementa, manerium suum de *Sbaldeston*, cum suis pertinentiis, in Com. *Buckingham*, necnon omnia alia terras, tenementa, redditus, cum suis pertinentiis, quae habuit in villa de *Sbaldeston* in comitat. praedicta; Voluntas tamen et intentio dicti *Alani* est, quoad manerium de *Sbaldeston* praedict. ac alia omnia terras, tenementa, et redditus, cum suis pertinentiis in *Sbaldeston* praedict. quod praedict. *Jobannes*, *Jobannes*, *Willbelmus*, *David*, et *Jobannes*, dent et concedant praedictum manerium, necnon omnia alia terras, tenementa, redditus, et servitia praedict. cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, *Willbelmo Purefreye*, habend. et tenend. praefato *Willbelmo* ad terminum vitae praedicti *Alani*; reddendo inde annuatim dicto *Alano* ad terminum vitae suae viginti marcas, ad quatuor anni terminos, per aequales portiones; et post decessum dicti *Alani*, quod dicti *Jobannes*, *Jobannes*, *Willbelmus*, *David*, et *Jobannes*, dent et concedant dicto *Willbelmo Purefreye* manerium praedictum habend. et tenend. praedictum manerium, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, praefato *Willbelmo* et heredibus de corpore suo exeuntibus; reddendo inde annuatim *Marianae*, filiae dicti *Alani*, et matri dicti *Willbelmi Purefreye*, decem marcas, ad terminos praedict. durante vitâ dictae *Marianae*, remanere inde pro defectu exitus de corpore dicti *Willbelmi*, *Marianae*, filiae dicti *Alani*, et heredibus de corpore suo exeuntibus, et pro defectu exitus de corpore dictae *Marianae*, remanere rectis heredibus dicti *Willbelmi Purefreye* in perpetuum. Vult etiam dictus *Alanus*, quod dicti *Jobannes*, *Jobannes*, *Willbelmus*, *David*, et *Jobannes* omnia alias terr. tenementa, redditus, et servitia quae habent ex dono dicti *Alani* in villa de *Sbaldeston* praedict. dent et concedant dict. *Willbelmo Purefreye*. et heredibus suis, in perpetuum, capta ab eo sufficiente securitate quod idem *Willbelmus* inveniet annuatim, durantibus duodecim annis, proximis sequentibus post datum praesentium, unum capellanum idoneum divina celebrantem pro animâ dicti *Alani*, et animabus patris, matris, uxoris, omnium antecessorum, parentum, et benefactorum dicti *Alani*, et ut haec sit ejus voluntas omnibus quorum interest innotescat per praesentes. In cujus rei testimonium hiis indenturis partes praedict. sigilla suo alternatim apposuerunt. Dat. apud *Sbaldeston* secundo die mensis *Martii*, anno regni Regis *Henrici* quinti post conquestum secundo. [Anno Domini 1415.]

P. 262, *Will of Nicholas Purefoy, of Shaldeston, Esq; dated Feb. 4, 1547.*

His Body to be buried as his Executors think fit. To *Catherine* his Wife, his Goods and Chattels, to pay his funeral Expences. Executors, *William Wolston*, of *Warwickshire*, Esq; *Mr. Bawdwyn Portar*, of the City of *Coventry*, Gent. Steward of the same City; and *Sir Thomas Marshall*, Clerk, Vicar of *Stowe*. His Manor of *Stokerston*, with the Appurtenances in *Over* and *Neiber-Shuckborough*, *Napton on the Hill*, *Bradwell*, *Napton Ladbroke*, &c. Co. *Warwick*, which he purchased of *Sir Walter Smith*, of *Herefordshire*, to be employed to the Benefit of his Children except *Shalston*, in the County of *Bucks*, and *Church-over* in *Warwickshire*, and *Billeston*, in *Leicestershire*, which he bequeaths to his Wife; she to maintain out of them, *Martin*, *Luke*, and *Francis*, his Sons, and *Isabel* his Daughter, untill they attain the Age of 18 Years; and that she pays yearly to every of her Sons 3 Marks of Money, and to his Daughter 40 s. to his Daughter *Susan* 40 l. with God's Blessing and his, to prefer her in Marriage; and to *Isabel*, his youngest Daughter 30 l. to *Isabel* and *Alice* his Daughters 11. 6s. 8d. To his Executors 5 Marks each.

Proved July 15, 1550, before *William Binnesley*, Commissary of the Archdeaconsry of *Buckingham*.

P 263, N. B. *The first Wife of George Purefoy, Esq; who dyed 1659, was Ann, Daughter and Heir of Sir Thomas Glover, of Hays Park, in Middlesex.*

P. 265, Since the Author took an Account of the Monuments in this Church, these four following Inscriptions have been cut on Gravestones and laid over Persons interred in the Chancel: The first is cut on the Gravestone of *Susan Kingston*, and the other three on three *Warwickshire* black Marbles.

1. " Here also lyeth interred the Body of *Knighiley Purefoy*, Esq; who " departed this Life Jan. 9, 1691, aged 61 Years."
2. " In Memory of *Mary Purefoy*, second Daughter and Coheir of *Henry Sandford*, late of *Bobbingcourt*, in the County of *Kent*, Esq; and the " Wife of *Knighiley Purefoy*, Esq. She departed this Life Oct. 14, " 1686, aged 43 Years.
3. " In Memory of *Anne Purefoy*, eldest Daughter of *Knighiley Purefoy*, " Esq; and *Mary* his Wife. She departed this Life March 28, 1690, " aged 20 Years."
4. " In Memory of *Mary Sambach*, Wife of *Anthony Sambach*, late of *Snowf-* " *bill*, in the County of *Glocester*, Esq; and second Daughter of " *Knighiley Purefoy*, Esq; and *Mary* his Wife. She departed this Life Jan. 19, 1701, aged 27 Years.

P. 267, To be added to the Parish Register, Henry, Son of Henry Purefoy, Esq; and Elizabeth his Wife, was born Feb. 27, and baptized March 13, 1697.

Fifth, their Son was born Feb. 15, and baptized Feb. 23, 1699, and buried here August 20, 1701.

## THORNBOROUGH.

P. 291, l. 4, r. 1323.

## THORNTON.

P. 301, l. 20, r. *Virginum*.

P. 302, l. 34, r. *Generosus*, r. *Die*.

P. 303, l. 33, r. *Alexandri & Jana*.

P. 304, l. 29, r. *Tres*.

P. 306, *The Patent of the Grant of Thornton Chantry Lands, Anno 1553, the 6th of King Edw. VI, is as follows,*

The King for the Sum of 540*l.* 18*s.* grants to Edward Chamberlayne, of Fulwell, in Com. Oxon, Esq; all that late Chantry, founded in the Parish Church of Thornton, in Com. Bucks; and all those Lands, Meadows, Pastures, and Hereditaments, voc. the Holme Close, Barker's Close, the House Close, Shenley's Close, Sadler's Close, Upper Colwards, and Nether Colwards, cum pertinen. lying and being in Thornborough in eodem Com. to the said Chantry, dudum spectan. and all that Close of Land and Pasture called the Great Close, alias Welde Close; and all that Close of Land and Pasture called Stable Close, alias Orchard Close, cum pertinen. in Thornborough, to the said late Chantry dudum spectan. and all that Messuage and Tenement, and three Closes of Land, called Grove Close; and all that Messuage and Tenement, and all those Lands, Meadows, Pastures, Feedings, Commons, and Hereditaments in Thornborough to the said Chantry dudum spectan. in a certain Lane called Cooper's-Lane, to the said Chantry dudum spectan. and all that Messuage and Tenement called Hyden's; and one Close of half a Land, and a half Rood of Land called Malderice; and all those two Roods of Meadow called Landmeade and Burymeade, in Thornborough, praedict. to the late Chantry dudum spectan. and a Messuage and Tenement called the Chantry House in Thornborough, to the said Chantry dudum spectan. and half a Rood of Land called Penny Land; and one Rood of Meadow in the Fields of Thornborough; and one little Parcel of Meadow in the Bury next the River, called the Hopper's, lying at the North End of the Close, called Nether Colverd, and all that Water and River called the Colverd Brook in Thornebrough praedict. and to the said Chantry dudum spectan. and also half a Yard of Land containing 12 Acres and 1 Rood of Land and Meadow, lying and being in the

the Fields of *Thornborough*, and one Croft or Toft of Land in *Thornborough*; and the annual Rent of 18*d.* and Service going out of one Messuage and Land, late of *John Harris's* in *Thornborough*; and the annual Rent of 4*d.* and Service going out of one Messuage and Land late of *John Pollard's* in *Thornborough*; and all those other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, Commons, Waters, Woods, Underwoods, Rents, Reversions, Services, and Hereditaments whatsoever in *Thornborough*, to the said late Chantry dudum spectan. and all that Parcel of waste Land containing 7 Acres, lying and being in *Hillesdon* Parish, in Com. *Bucks*, given to the Maintenance of an Anniversary in the Church of *Hillesdon* praedict. &c. habend. the Premises to the said *Edward Chamberlaine*, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever, tenend. of the Manor of *Woodstock*, in Com. *Oxon*, by Fealty only in free Soccage. Teste 24 May, Anno 1553.

## T I N G W I C K.

P. 318, l. 34, r. reddiditque.

In numbering the Pages of Sheet R r, the Numbers 312, 313, are by Mistake omitted: and in Sheet S f, the Numbers 321 and 322 are twice repeated.

## T W Y F O R D.

P. 328, *Extracts of the Wills of Richard Wenman, and Anne his Wife, out of the Prerogative Office in London, ex Registris Vocat. Hogan et Dingley.*

Will of *Richard Wenman*, of *Whitney*, in the County of *Oxford*, Merchant of the Staple of *Calais*, dated Oct. 20, 1533.

To be buried in the Church of *Whitney*: Gives 40*s.* to the Steeple and Bells of *Whitney*. To five-score poor Men and Women for Gowns 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* To the four Orders of Friars at *Oxford*, to pray for his Soul, his Father and Mother's Souls 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* To the poor Prisoners in the Castle of *Oxford* 50*s.* to be given them in Victuals, in the Space of five Years, at every *Christmas*. To the Reparation of the High-Ways between *Milton* and *Abingdon* 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The Remainder of the Years to come in his Lease of the Parsonage of *Evenley*, in the County of *Northampton*, made to him *February* the 28th, 1513, the fourth Year of King *Henry* the Eighth, by the Prior and Convent of *Huntingdon*, to the Vicar and Church-Wardens of *Whitney*, and their Successors, they to pay out of it 12*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* annually in Alms to poor Men of sixty Years of Age, of good Name and Fame, and clene of Body, who are to be at the Church of *Whitney* every Day in the Year at seven o' Clock in the Morning, to pray for him and keep his yearly *Obit* and *Anniversary*, and say a *Dirige* and Mass of *Requiem*. To *Anne* his Wife a thousand Marks in ready Money, and that she have the occupying of *Coggs* Parsonage, and the Profits of *Whitney* Park and Farm of *Holwell*. To *Thomas* his Son two thousand Marks, and the Terms of Years in his Leases, and his Farm of *Sevenhampton*, in the

the County of *Glocester*. To *Urfula* his Son's Wife, 5*l.* for a Jewell. To his Grandson's *Richard, Henry, William, Thomas*, and *Giffard Wenman* 10*l.* each. To his Grand-daughters *Anne* and *Elizabeth Wenman* an hundred Marks each, when they come to twenty-one Years of Age. Executor and Co-adjutor to his Wife, *Thomas* his Son. To whom he bequeathed his Substance, and all his Goods and Chattels.

*Will of Anne Wenman, of Whitney, dated November 22, 1536.*

To be buried in *Whitney Church*, within the Tomb nigh *Richard Wenman*, her late Husband. Her scarlet Gown to Mrs. *Urfula Wenman*, her Daughter-in-Law, if she will wear it. To *Thomas Midwinter* her Brother 20*l.* To *William Midwinter* her Brother's Son, 10*l.* To her Grandsons *Richard, Henry, William, Thomas* and *Giffard Wenman*, 10*l.* each. To her Grand-daughters *Anne* and *Elizabeth Wenman*, 10*l.* each. To Goodwife *Temple* and other Women of *Whitney* small Legacies. Executor *Thomas* her Son.

[N. B. I suppose *Thomas Midwinter* was her Sister's Husband.]

P. 328, l. 33, f. *unmarried*, r. *married* to Christopher Brome, of Halton, Esq.

P. 329, l. 4, *dele* Sir and l. 15, *add* Sir; before *Richard*.

P. 330, l. 35 and 36, r. Nov. 1, and April 29.

P. 331, l. 6, *dele* who died June 3, 1665; and l. 30, *after* Father, *add* Sir *Francis Wenman*, who died Sep. 2, 1680, and was buried at *Whitney*.

P. 334, l. ult. the Epitaph on *Mary Crofts*, which is in the South Isle, runs thus:

“ Here lies the Body of *Mary* the Daughter, and only Child of *Philip* Lord

“ Viscount *Wenman*, of *Brackley* in *Northamptonshire*, and the Wife of *Wil-*

“ liam *Crofts* of *Saxham* in the County of *Suffolk*, Esq. She died the

“ 29th of *October* 1650, being the 29th Year of her Age.

“ In Honour to whose Memory her Husband hath caused this Marble to  
“ be laid.”

P. 335, l. 25, r. MCCCCCL.

P. 339, The Valor of this Rectory as in the Return made Anno 1534, 26  
*Hen. VIII*, in the First Fruits Office, is as follows,

*Twyford* Rectoria ut dimiss. per Indenturam, valet 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Sed inde solut. pro procuracionibus

0 10 7½

Et Episcopo *Lincoln* pro indemnitate

0 3 4

Archidiacono *Buckingham*

0 1 8

Et in eleemosyna ex ordinatione *Rotberam*

0 1 8

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Total 0 17 3½

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Et sic remanet clare 12 9 4

WATER-STRATFORD.

P. 343, l. 14, r. 1696. L. 27, r. of its Rectory.

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